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Thant again asks Israel for 'favourable' reply

UNITED NATIONS. — Secretary-General U Thant said yesterday that he "continued to hope" that Israel would make a favourable response to the February memorandum of U.N. envoy Gunnar Jarring, which would allow the Jarring mission to resume. In a 14-page report to the *General Assembly*, on the eve of the Assembly's Middle East debate, Thant calls on the "appropriate U.N. organs" to reactivate the mission of Dr. Jarring.

Dr. Jarring was still faced with a deadlock, Thant said, as he had been during previous stays in New York in May and September-October. "He has found himself faced with the same deadlock and with no possibility of actively pursuing his mission," Thant said.

The General Assembly's debate on the Middle East was postponed from today until tomorrow at the request of Egypt, the U.N. spokesman announced late last night. Diplomatic sources said the postponement was agreed upon to allow more time for the arrival here of representatives of the Organization of African Unity who have been on a peace mission to Israel and Egypt.

Two initiatives in progress during the last months — the U.S. push for an interim agreement, suspended by Washington last month, and the Organization of African States' "mission of inquiry, which is still in progress as this report is being prepared" — have "constituted an additional reason for Dr. Jarring not to take personal initiatives," Thant said.

Thant continued to refer to Egypt's response to Jarring's February 8 memorandum — in which the envoy laid out his own guidelines for a settlement to both parties — as a "favourable" one. But on March 5, he said, he had to "appeal to the Government of Israel to give further consideration to this question and to respond favourably to Ambassador Jarring's initiative." Thant said that on September 17 he "continued to hope . — as I still do — that Israel would find it possible before too long to make a response that would enable the search for a peaceful settlement under Ambassador *Jarring's auspices* to continue." *(INA, UPI)*

Our diplomatic correspondent adds: Egypt is expected to rest its case in the Middle East debate on the Secretary General's report, which tends to support Cairo's contention that the deadlock in the Jarring talks was due exclusively to Israel's failure to commit itself to withdraw to the "old" international frontier.

The assumption in Jerusalem is that Egypt will try for a resolution, which at a minimum would call on Israel to give the "favourable" response described by Thant, and to redefine Security Council Resolution 242 as a call for total Israeli withdrawal. For bargaining purposes, a call on the Council to invoke sanctions on Israel may also be thrown into the preliminary draft.

In Israel's view, Egypt's approval of the Jarring "memorandum," hedged as it is with a variety of conditions, is a far cry from genuine acceptance. Israel has also made clear that it would only agree to the resumption of the Jarring talks when the Swedish Ambassador has dropped his "ultimative demands" and proposes discussions without preconditions.

Israel has had assurances from the African peace mission that the African bloc would adhere to the position outlined in their own memorandum — revived Jarring talks, without conditions. The Latin American group has meanwhile been reported planning to counter the Egyptian move with a "non-controversial" text of its own.

The U.S. and Britain have indicated recently that they did not favour a General Assembly debate and resolution on the issue. The U.S. is understood to be working behind the scenes to keep the debate as short as possible, and as little damaging to hopes of "quiet diplomacy" as possible. But Washington has been keeping Jerusalem guessing how far it was prepared to go to limit the "damage."

Our Arab Affairs reporter adds: Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad, who will open the debate Friday, said last night in New York that Egypt might request "sanctions or other effective moves" to face "Israeli intransigence." Cairo Radio quoted Riad as making this statement to the N.B.C. television network, in which he also said that Egypt's main concern at the U.N. was "the achievement of peace."

Iraq breaks ties with Iran, Britain

BEIRUT. — Iraq yesterday announced it was severing diplomatic relations with Iran and Great Britain. It accused the two countries of collusion over the occupation of three disputed islands in the Gulf by Persian troops Tuesday.

Britain rejected the Baghdad allegations and the note and said it regretted Iraq had taken a *move that was not justified.*

Radio Iran strongly attacked what it termed Baghdad's anti-Iranian stand and accused the Baghdad government of not wanting peace and stability in the Gulf.

In Baghdad, thousands of demonstrators called for armed Arab action against the Iranian move and urged Arab states to maintain Arab sovereignty over Arab lands, islands and territorial waters.

Baghdad Radio reported last night that Iraq has called for a United Nations Security Council meeting to discuss the situation on the islands. The radio said that Iraq would also call on the Council to condemn Britain for its "collusion" with Iran.

Sporadic violence flared in the tiny Arabian coast emirates as rioters attacked branches of Iranian banks and mobile police were called out to patrol the streets of two of the desert sheikhdoms strung *along the Trucial Coast, formerly* the notorious Pirate Coast.

The press and radios of the Arab world reacted angrily at Iran's move in occupying the Greater and Lesser Tumbs, which are claimed by the Arab state of Ras al Khaimah, and the landing of Persian troops on Abu Musa, claimed by the nearby state of Sharjah.

The troops on Abu Musa landed following an agreement with the ruler of Sharjah which will split oil rights and still leave the island under his civil jurisdiction.

But Ras al Khaimah is adamant that it has made no pact with the Iranians over Teheran's long pressed claim for the Tumbs. Instead

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Meir aims major push at Congress, U.S. public

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Premier Golda Meir is broadening her visit to Washington into a major diplomatic and political initiative, aimed at the U.S. Congress and public opinion, in addition to her all-important meetings with President Nixon and other senior Administration officials today.

A wide-ranging series of meetings with leading Senators and Representatives have been arranged, and a *major news conference* for all media has been scheduled for tomorrow, after the White House meeting.

Mrs. Meir met with Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and Israel Embassy staff yesterday, in preparation for her talks with President Nixon, Secretary of State William Rogers and other American officials.

Although some commentators interpreted Mrs. Meir's remarks on arrival in Washington Tuesday night as pointing to a more flexible Israeli approach on American suggestions for an interim agreement, most of the news media played down the Israeli leader's brief airport news conference.

Speaking to reporters under strict security arrangements at Andrews air force base, Mrs. Meir said Israel was not prepared to write off anything that had been tried to achieve some form of settlement. "We are not prepared to say the (American) effort on the Suez Canal has failed."

Asked if she was worried about Egyptian threats to resume fighting along the Suez Canal, she said Israel did not want the shooting to start again, but she was not worried about the results if that did happen.

In addition to her White House and State Department meetings, Mrs. Meir will be the guest of honour at a dinner tonight to be *given by Ambassador Rabin.* Mr. Rogers, senior administration officials, and members of Congress are expected to attend.

She is now also scheduled to meet on Friday morning with the original 12 sponsors of the Senate resolution calling for Phantoms to be sold to Israel. On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Meir will hold a major news conference at the Washington Hilton hotel, which will be followed by another meeting in the Senate.

Senator Stuart Symington, chairman of the Near East Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, is the host and has invited all members of the Senate to attend. A similar meeting for members of the House of Representatives is also being planned.

Six more terrorists killed in Gaza

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Six terrorists were shot dead in a clash with security forces at El-Burej refugee camp yesterday morning. None of the soldiers were hurt.

Some of the dead men were high on the wanted list. Thirteen terrorists have been killed in Gaza since Monday.

The security forces came upon the six in a bunker in an orchard. They were called upon to surrender, but opened fire, and the troops replied. Arms and grenades were found in the bunker.

On Tuesday night in Jebalya, some 200 local people rioted at the funeral of six terrorists who were shot by security forces Monday. There was some unrest in Jebalya throughout Tuesday, with schoolgirls throwing stones at police and army vehicles. Security men did not use force and the demonstrators dispersed peacefully.

Yesterday afternoon two men were wounded by troops in Shati when they failed to heed an order to halt.

In a military court in Gaza yesterday, nine teenagers were freed although found guilty of belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Prosecutor Segen Aron Levi requested their *release as they had* been in custody for seven months awaiting trial.

The youths told the court they were recruited to the P.F.L.P. by terrorist leader Ali Hader, who was sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour last week on three counts of murder.

'Israel expects big new Egypt arms shipments'

LONDON. — Israel has advised Britain it expects Egypt to get big new arms deliveries, possibly including up-to-date missiles from the Soviet Union early next year, senior diplomats said yesterday.

At the same time, British military sources reported Gen. Vasily V. Okunev has been placed in charge of the dense Soviet-built air defence system in Egypt. The 51-year-old Okunev until recently has been commander of the Moscow Air Defence District.

These developments emerged as Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban wound up a three-day official visit to Britain.

Soviet military strength in Egypt already is believed to exceed 20,000 men including missile crews and air force pilots, according to British sources. They are under the command of around 60 Soviet generals, sources said. And they are in control of Egypt's air defence, which has been organized by Okunev on the lines of a Soviet-type air defence district.

Mr. Eban had a 30-minute discussion last night with Geoffrey Rippon, Britain's chief Common Market entry negotiator, on the impact on Anglo-Israeli trade of Britain's projected membership of the European community. Mr. Eban gave Mr. Rippon a copy of an Israeli memorandum containing Israel's views on how Anglo-Israeli trade could be affected after Britain joins the Common Market.

Informed British sources said that British Ministers, in their talks with Mr. Eban here on this question, have emphasized that Britain understands Israel's concern and her problems.

The Foreign Minister last night gave a dinner in honour of Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Mr. Eban will leave London by air today for New York to take part in the General Assembly Middle East debate.

The Georgians

...ARERS of a proud tradition, the descendants of ... who settled between the ...casian Mountains and the ...k Sea a thousand years ... people who have clung ...tedly to their religion in ... of their isolation, the ...rgian Jews who have immi...ted to Israel have become ...subject of a minor controversy here. Some of it was ...ered by exaggerated re...s concerning absorption dif...ies, some by reports that ... Georgian families have ...aled to Soviet leaders to ...nge for their return to Rus...

...cording to a recent report ...he "New York Times," the ...tion of Georgian Jewry ...latively better both on the ...rial level and as far as the ...tice of religion is con...ed, than that of Jews else...re in the Soviet Union. The ...gian authorities have per...ed a number of synagogues ...unction and, above all, emi...ion on a larger scale. In ... of reports of difficulties ... Israel, many Jews con... to apply for exit permits.

...ere is no doubt, however, ... the Georgian Jews pose ... special difficulties as re...s absorption. A close-knit ...munity, they seek to live ...ther and have resisted all ...mpts to scatter them in ...ll groups in various parts ...srael. This was certainly a ...ous mistake in planning. ...ther problem is the language ...ier separating them not only ... the rest of Soviet Jewry, ... *also from the very great* ...ority of Israelis, official and ...ficial, who seek to deal with ...n, as they speak only Gru...n.

...here is also a major prob... with regard to the right ... of employment. Most of ... community were fairly well... small and medium traders, ...volved in business ventures ... kind and another. Some ...e traders saved up enough ...y to open shops in Israel. ...as only after they arrived ... that they realized that ... are few openings in bu... of the kind to which ...were accustomed, and see ...will have to take jobs in ...try and agriculture — at ... for the time being.

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Pakistan warns of drift 'towards major conflict'

NEW DELHI. — As India acknowledged its troops have been inside East Pakistan for the past five days, the Pakistan Government said last night that the two nations were drifting toward a major conflict.

So far, war has been avoided because of the extreme restraint shown by Pakistan, an official spokesman said in Rawalpindi, according to Radio Pakistan. But he added: "As India is escalating the situation, we are drifting toward a major conflict."

An Indian spokesman said in New Delhi that Indian troops occupied and controlled a five- to eight-km. stretch of East Pakistani territory north of Hilli, 321 kms. north of Calcutta, and had severed the only rail line in the Dinajpur district, in the north-western sector of the province.

Radio Pakistan said, however, the Indian troops around Hilli have been pushed back into Indian territory west of the railway line.

The Indian Defence Ministry had announced that Indian troops crossed the frontier around Hilli last Saturday to repulse a Pakistani artillery attack on the border regions. It was the third acknowledged Indian border crossing since November 21.

An Indian spokesman said there now was a lull in the fighting in the Hilli area but added that no immediate withdrawal back into India was planned because of continuing Pakistani shelling and the presence of a Pakistani army brigade.

Radio Pakistan reported that four Indian fighter planes on fighter-reconnaissance violated Pakistan airspace in the Sialkot area on Tuesday and that Pakistani air force planes drove them off. Sialkot, in East Punjab, is 104 kms. northeast of Lahore and about 1,600 kms. away from the East Pakistan fighting.

Radio Pakistan also said that a major Indian attack had been repulsed around Kamalpur, in the western sector of the province, and that the Indians had left behind 100 bodies and many semi-automatic weapons.

Dispatches from Dacca, the capital of East Pakistan, said the Pakistan army has begun leveling a number of villages in the area around the capital to give a clear zone of fire around military installations and communication centres.

Foreign travellers arriving in Dacca said they saw bodies floating in the Burhi Ganga river and there were estimates that as many as 250 Bengalis were killed in the clearing operations. Journalists landing at Dacca Airport on Tuesday afternoon saw two villages burning.

Meanwhile, the U.S. suspended licensing of arms shipments to India. The State Department said it acted because Indian forces had crossed the border. *(AP, UPI, Reuter)*

The son of imprisoned Awami League leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is seen handling a heavy machinegun at Kaliguni, East Pakistan, where he joined the Mukti Bahini guerrillas. His unit is fighting near Jessore.
(AP radiophoto)

Americans discuss dollar devaluation

ROME. — The U.S. for the first time is discussing the possibility of a dollar devaluation as part of a Western monetary realignment, a highly-placed West European diplomat said yesterday.

The source, a participant in the meeting of finance ministers of the "Group of 10" richest Western nations, said this does not mean America has agreed in principle as yet to such a move. "But we would have gone home last night if the Americans had not been willing to discuss devaluation within a new system of parties," he said.

"The Common Market and Britain have made it very plain that there can be no agreement without the U.S. readjusting as well, and we hope Washington will now give way, together with the others," he said.

The three-day meeting adjourned yesterday, with the ministers agreeing to meet again December 17-18.

The progress at the conference here has come exclusively at restricted sessions in which only the finance minsters and their central bank governors have been present. Although several models for currency realignment are under study, they are all more or less in the same sort of terms, sources said.

One model under discussion by the Common Market and Britain envisaged a dollar devaluation of 5 per cent and an average European revaluation of between 2 and 3 per cent, the sources said. *(UP, Reuter)*

Hussein asks Arabs to mobilize for 'showdown'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Jordan's King Hussein yesterday called on the Arabs to mobilize their resources for a showdown with Israel. "The enemy believes only in force. Let the force we build up be our road to peace and victory," the King said.

The King, speaking from the throne at the opening of the fifth session of the Jordanian National Assembly, attacked Israel's "intransigence," and said Israel must withdraw from all Arab territories lost in the Six Day War.

In a clear reference to the Israel authorization of new municipal elections in four West Bank towns, Hussein warned local Arabs not to "fall into a trap of self-rule or a Palestine state." He reasserted that Palestinians would have the right to decide their future "only after the liberation."

Hussein saluted "the steadfastness" of the Arab populations in East Jerusalem, Hebron and Nablus but, in contrast to previous speeches, made no mention of the rest of the West Bank towns where elections are planned.

The *36-year-old King,* whose speech was broadcast over Amman radio and TV, arrived at the Jordanian parliament in a convertible sedan, but under heavy security. He wore a black suit and tie in mourning for Premier Wasfi e-Tel, assassinated in Cairo on Sunday.

In his 55-minute speech he blamed e-Tel's death on "a vile conspiracy" aimed at undermining the national unity of the Jordanian people "on both banks of the Jordan." He referred to the assassins, four of whom are in jail in Cairo, as hired agents who had never known manliness or honour.

The Jordanian House of Representatives issued a resolution last night urging the Government to bar the presence of terrorists on Jordanian territory, unless they receive their orders from the Jordanian army command.

Meanwhile, Jordan's new Premier Ahmed al-Lawzi, said before leaving Cairo Tuesday night that Jordan will not seek the extradition of the four assailants charged with the murder of e-Tel

Amman radio last night said that a team of Jordanian investigators were in Cairo supervising the interrogation of e-Tel's assailants by the Egyptians. Reasserting that the four murderers belonged to the Fatah movement, Amman radio said the Egyptian interrogators yesterday revealed the real names of the four assailants, whose earlier names were false. The radio added that Egyptian security men were still hunting for a fifth assailant.

In Amman, the Jordanian government "A-Rai" newspaper yesterday called for an Arab summit conference to look into e-Tel's murder case.

Cairo 'studying' St. Katarina fire

CAIRO (UPI). — The Egyptian Foreign Ministry is making an urgent study of whether to take to the U.N. the issue of the Santa Katarina Monastery fire, Cairo Radio said last night.

The radio said Murad Ghaleb, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, would consult with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad who is in New York to attend the General Assembly session. See page 8.

'Liberation' called 'duty' by Sadat

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday was quoted as saying that the recent developments resulting from the Middle East political efforts "made the liberation of the occupied land an imminent duty" for Egyptians.

Cairo Radio said Sadat was speaking at a meeting of the parliamentary body of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party.

Cairo's "Al-Gomhouriya" newspaper yesterday indicated that the Joint Arab Defence Council, which Tuesday wound up a four-day conference in Cairo, will reconvene in the Egyptian capital in three weeks.

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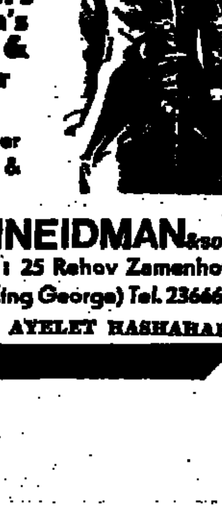

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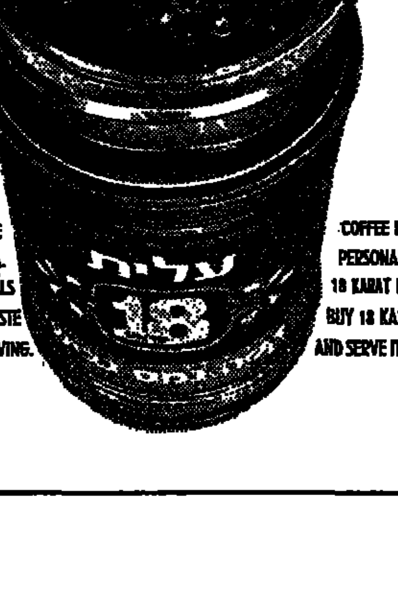

Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zalman Shazar, yesterday received Mr. Yitzhak Shapiro, general secretary of the Agricultural Centre, and Mr. Yeshayahu Avrech, of the Histadrut Executive.

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Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt yesterday received a 30-man survey mission from the Jewish Council for Community Relations in the U.S., headed by Messrs. Albert Arendt and Yeshayahu Minkoff, who are on a fortnight's tour as guests of the World Zionist Organization and the Foreign Ministry.

The Speaker also received a delegation of the Haifa Municipal Students Council.

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A symposium on the subject: "The Palestinian Problem" will be the programme at tomorrow evening's Vocal Newspaper, sponsored by the Jerusalem Journalists Association, at the Beit Ha'am Auditorium, at 8.30 p.m.

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ENGAGEMENT

PANTER-SHERMAN

Elanna Panter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. Panter, to Shneor Z. Sherman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Dov B. Sherman.

Big Four back Jarring for Thant post: 'Al-Ahram'

CAIRO (AFP). — The four Big Powers back the candidacy of Dr. Gunnar Jarring for U.N. Secretary-General, "Al-Ahram" said yesterday.

The Cairo newspaper said that Britain, France, the U.S. and the Soviet Union had all agreed on Dr. Jarring as a replacement for U Thant, whose term expires January 1. Mainland China has not yet made a decision, according to the newspaper.

Dr. Jarring, the Secretary-General's special envoy to the Middle East, is now in New York for the General Assembly Middle East debate, which starts today.

Soviet warships concentrate off coast of France

NAPLES (AP). — The largest number of Soviet warships to operate in the area so far has moved into the north-west Tyrrhenian Sea between the west coast of Sardinia and Southern France, a U.S. Navy spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said submarines, cruisers and missile-equipped destroyers came to the area from the Eastern Mediterranean about five days ago and fanned out on Sunday.

He declined to give the number of warships. But he said it was "a small proportion" of Soviet naval strength in the Mediterranean.

The U.S. Navy says there are now about a dozen Soviet submarines and 35 to 40 surface craft, mostly destroyer types, in the Mediterranean.

The spokesman said "It is unusual to see Soviet naval activity" in the area between Sardinia and France.

In Paris, the French Navy said it knew of nothing abnormal or concerning about Soviet activity in the Mediterranean. The Russian ships were remaining in international waters at all times.

Soviet probe looks for 'life activity' on Mars

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet scientists yesterday indicated their Mars probes will scoop Martian soil into a special growth chamber and examine it for "life activities of Martians."

"Izvestia" published the unidentified scientists' remarks in an article prepared in connection with the flights of Mars 2 and Mars 3.

Mars 2 went into orbit around the red planet Saturday after ejecting a capsule to land on its surface. Official reports of the mission did not say if the capsule soft-landed or what its scientific mission may be. (See U.S. reaction, page 3.) Mars 3 is still on its way to Mars.

The scientists quoted by "Izvestia" did not directly describe the construction or missions of Mars 2 and 3, but they spoke in general terms about methods of finding life on Mars. In the past such generalities have been used to elaborate on Soviet space project details without saying outright what is involved.

MARTIAN SOIL

"The majority of ideas that have been expressed say that a certain nutrient medium should be put into Martian soil," "Izvestia" quoted a scientist as saying. It should be taken to the planet's surface in a descending capsule. If there are any micro-organisms in the soil, they may start to propagate and the instruments will register a certain dynamic picture of changes."

The scientists did not elaborate on what sort of culture medium would be used, but they said that "it cannot be ruled out that they (Martians) would not like the earth food, and that they would not reveal their presence in these experiments."

A better way of determining if such organisms exist on Mars, they said, would be to bring to earth a sample of Martian soil for analysis on earth. "But this task is certainly much more complicated."

Danes to discuss troop cuts with Kosygin

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen said last night his government first and foremost would discuss a European security conference, including balanced troop reductions, with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin.

The 67-year-old Kosygin is flying in today for a three-day official visit under the strictest security measures since his predecessor Nikita Khrushchev visited Denmark in 1964.

In between political talks Mr. Kosygin is to lunch with King Frederik IX and drink tea with Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag in his North Jutland summer residence. Mr. Kosygin is leaving for a five-day visit to Norway Sunday afternoon.

When asked whether the government would press for exit visas for Soviet Jews, Mr. Andersen said this was an internal Russian matter. "We have learned, however, from various channels, that the Russian government has adopted a more liberal policy," he said.

"Secondly it is not always wise to make a lot of noise when more discreet ways are available."

Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior said Monday the Jewish community would stage a number of demonstrations "to remind Mr. Kosygin that more than 70,000 Jews are prevented from leaving the Soviet Union," he said.

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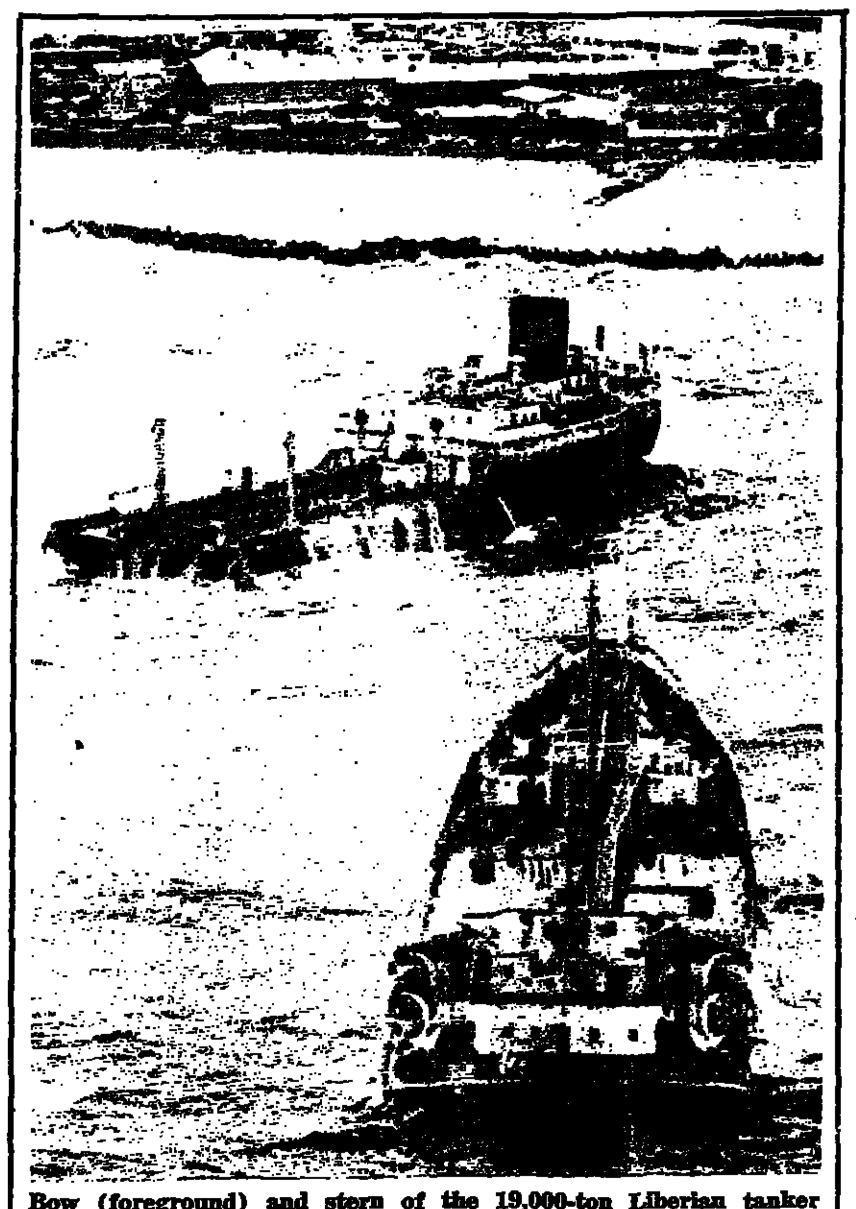

Bow (foreground) and stern of the 19,000-ton Liberian tanker "Juliana" are seen after the vessel split in two off the coast of Japan yesterday. An estimated 4,000 tons of crude oil from the wreck is causing serious pollution in the fishing area in the Sea of Japan. (AP radiophoto)

Cambodians in retreat in highway battle

SAIGON (AP). — Cambodian forces were reported in retreat yesterday under an onslaught of renewed North Vietnamese attacks along Highway 6 on the country's north-eastern front.

Official reports reaching Saigon last night said the Cambodians had pulled out of the town of Baray on Highway 6, about 100 kms. northeast of Phnom Penh, and were retreating from Kompong Thmar ten kms. farther north.

The Phnom Penh government called for more air support from its U.S. and South Vietnamese allies to save the imperiled 20,000 Cambodian troops isolated in pockets along more than 50 kms. of Highway 6.

The South Vietnamese Air Force was reportedly planning to send a helicopter squadron and gunships to support the Cambodians.

The thrust of the North Vietnamese attacks were directed against the towns of Baray and Kompong Thmar.

Earlier, Col. So Satto, commander of Cambodia's tiny air force, said, "Baray and Kompong Thmar are asking us for intensive air support because fighting is so heavy. The other side has been strengthening with a lot of reinforcements."

He said the Cambodians still held Baray and Kompong Thmar, but official reports reaching Saigon later said they had retreated from Baray and were pulling back from Kompong Thmar.

SAIGON PUSH

Meanwhile, 57,000 South Vietnamese troops backed by heavy U.S. air support pushed ahead with three dry-season offensives but met only light resistance.

One of the drives, along Highway 7 in eastern Cambodia, had one objective of relieving pressure on Cambodian forces along Highway 6. The 25,000-man South Vietnamese force is on the eastern side of the Mekong River, the Cambodians on the western side.

Military planners felt the South Vietnamese thrust would draw away elements of the North Vietnamese 9th Division battling the Cambodians. But reports from Phnom Penh indicated that the 10-day Saigon operation had not succeeded in easing the plight of the Cambodian forces.

Soldier in Ulster killed on way to visit fiancée

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — Army sources said yesterday they believe an Irish Republican Army execution squad shot and killed a British soldier as he was en route to visit his fiancee in the Irish Republic.

Detectives and British Army special investigation branch officers yesterday identified as Pvt. Robert Benner, 25, the body of a man found two days ago beside a road at Teer, Crossmaglen, about 30 kms. southwest of Belfast.

Army sources said Mr. Benner was engaged to marry Lucy Connolly, a 27-year-old telephone switchboard operator in the town of Dundalk in the Republic, and they believe he was on his way to visit her when he was shot and killed.

Army sources said, and Dundalk residents confirmed, that the Benner family lived in Dundalk and was well-known there before the family moved to Britain two years ago.

Benner's father, contacted in Britain by telephone by Belfast reporters, said his son had received several warnings about his association with Miss Connolly. He said the warnings were contained in anonymous letters and telephone calls, he was convinced had been mailed and made by the I.R.A.

Four brothers of the dead soldier also served in the British Army, Dundalk residents said.

Detective and special investigations branch officials said Pvt. Benner had been shot through the head at close range and apparently was the fourth British soldier killed deliberately while off duty this year.

In Belfast, a gunman fired and nicked the arm of a 15-year-old boy who was walking in the Roman Catholic New Lodge Road area of the city while wearing a green jacket which Army officials said was similar in colour to those worn by British troops.

The boy was hospitalized, an Army spokesman said.

Also, a terrorist bomb wrecked a glazier's warehouse in downtown Belfast and several passersby were reported injured. Armed men planted a bomb in mid-morning. One man was reported shot during the incident.

Meanwhile, Irish Premier Jack Lynch Tuesday night appealed for a Christmas truce between the British Army and guerrillas in Northern Ireland. But his plea was rejected within minutes by the militant provisional wing of the I.R.A.

French aide 'gave secrets to Czechs'

PARIS (UPI). — A former military attache at the French Embassy in Prague has been charged with treason he allegedly committed after being trapped into compromising situations with a Czech girl, French officials said yesterday.

They identified him as Jacques Blaret, 26, and said he was jailed a month ago to await trial. They said he had confessed to dealings with Czech secret service agents last September and October when he was still at his post in Prague.

Officials said Mr. Blaret was blackmailed by Czech agents after he was photographed in compromising situations with a young Prague nurse.

Nun charged with running big charity racket in Italy

ROME (Reuter). — A Roman Catholic nun has been arrested here and accused of running a charity racket which is alleged to have netted a 2,000m. lire (£1.3m.) fortune over the past seven years.

Police said yesterday that Elisabetta Ravasio, 64, who calls herself Mother Eugenia, was detained at Anzio, outside Rome, Tuesday night and charged with fraud, misappropriation of donations, employment of minors, and the use of violence and threats.

She is accused of founding a fictitious religious order and a charity institution called "Caritas Catholica" about 10 years ago, with its headquarters at a secluded Rome villa which she bought for a reported 48 m. lire (£32,000) in 1961.

According to the charges, she sent orphans and "nuns" travelling around Italy, begging from companies and state agencies on behalf of her "order." The money then went into her own pocket, they state.

Children and "sisters" at the institution were sometimes beaten by Signorina Vasalio, and were forced to live in impoverished conditions during their journeys round the country, according to the charges.

Parallel Berlin talks appear in final stages

EAST BERLIN (Reuter). — German negotiating teams yesterday began apparent final talks here yesterday on a Berlin settlement, amid indications that bargaining would be long and arduous.

Egon Bahr, chief West German negotiator, told reporters there were still some questions to be settled and he thought discussions could continue until Friday or even longer.

He was speaking in West Berlin on his arrival from Bonn before beginning his 31st round of conversations with an East German Government delegation headed by State Secretary Michael Kohl.

The Bahr-Kohl talks began at noon, two hours after delegations from the West Berlin city authorities and the East German Foreign Ministry resumed separate parallel negotiations on reopening the wall dividing the city to west Berliners.

NOT YET CLEARED

Mr. Bahr said both sets of talks were closely connected. "There are a number of questions which are closely related to each other which have not yet been cleared," he said.

Ulrich Mueller headed a West Berlin City Government delegation at the talks in the drab, grey Haus Der Ministerien, former German Luftwaffe headquarters near the wall dividing the city. It was his 21st session of conversations with an East German Foreign Ministry team led by State Secretary Guenter Kohrt.

Mr. Mueller said: "We have reached a phase where important decisions could come at any time. I do not know whether they will come today."

Reliable political sources said one remaining obstacle to agreement in the Mueller-Kohrt talks was an East German proposal to restrict West Berliners' visits to East Berlin and East Germany to a maximum of 30 days per year. Up to now, West Berlin authorities have refused to accept any restrictions, the sources said, although they might agree to a compromise limiting the duration of visits in the first year only.

Warsaw Pact meeting ends

WARSAW (Reuter). — Foreign Ministers of the seven Warsaw Pact nations yesterday wound up a two-day meeting here which discussed a proposed European security conference and "other international issues," the Polish Foreign Ministry announced here.

A foreign ministry statement said the ministers would issue a communique shortly.

The seven-nation meeting was held only a week before a scheduled regular session of Nato's Ministerial Council in Brussels.

The Warsaw meeting was officially called to discuss preparations for a general European conference — a favourite Soviet scheme — but the ministers are certain to have reviewed the latest position on Berlin and the proposed troop cuts in Central Europe.

Nixon won't discuss Vietnam in Peking

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. does not expect to bring peace to Vietnam or settle the Taiwan question during President Nixon's week-long trip to Peking February 21-28, Dr. Henry Kissinger said here on Tuesday.

The President's National Security Affairs adviser said that Mr. Nixon's talks with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai would focus on problems of direct concern to the two countries, rather than those involving third parties. Presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler announced earlier on Tuesday that the talks would be held in Peking, Shanghai and Hangchow.

Kissinger said Nixon will spend at least four days in Peking and that the early-morning hours may be devoted to face-to-face talks with Chinese leaders.

In summarizing the American approach to talks, Dr. Kissinger said of Vietnam: "We do not expect to settle it in Peking."

While he predicted the Chinese will raise the subject of Taiwan, he said, "the U.S. position is that the ultimate relationship between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China should be settled through direct negotiations."

Nixon will seek a better understanding of the views of Chinese leaders, said Dr. Kissinger, and a means of continuing communication between two countries isolated from each other for nearly a quarter century. Dr. Kissinger said Nixon would like also to make "at least a beginning" in opening areas of communication outside the political or diplomatic realm.

Hangchow, with a population of 784,000, was described by Kissinger as a less hectic site to talk further with members of the Mainland hierarchy after the initial conversations in Peking and Shanghai.

While he reported that a general outline for Nixon's meetings has been fixed, he said "there's going to be a free-wheeling nature to the discussion." Any participant, he ported, can raise any question deems urgent.

But he added that "No agr ments will be made about thi party problems. "There will be deals made concerning other co tries or at the expense of ot countries."

Reminded that more than 2 newsmen have applied to the Wi House to accompany Nixon, Kissinger said the size of the t velling press party will be l than normal for presidential t abroad, but far larger than Chinese had originally envisioned.

Attica jailers 'abused prisoners'

NEW YORK (AP). — The U.S. Court of Appeals held yesterday that some jailers at Attica State Prison had committed "barbarous abuse and mistreatment" of prisoners after the riot-torn correctional facility was recaptured by State forces.

The Appeals Court ordered the district court to restrain State authorities from "subjecting Attica inmates to physical abuse, torture, beatings or other forms of brutality, or threatening such conduct."

Police forensic experts search debris of the Fiesta cafe in London, where six members of a Greek Cypriot family died in large blaze yesterday. Mrs. Olga Panagiotou, a close friend of the family and godmother to the two children in the family, stands by. The fire was believed to be accidental. (AP radiophoto)

Mental patient held in ax slaying of parents

NEW YORK (AP). — A mental patient released five days ago from a hospital was charged with homicide Tuesday after police found him in his apartment with the bodies of his parents, hacked to death with a hatchet.

Police said Herbert Gans was found with the bloodied bodies of his parents at their apartment in Upper Manhattan. The dead man and wife were identified by police as Jack and Della Gans, both believed to be in their early 60s.

Police said the slayings probably occurred early Tuesday. A neighbour's call saying something was wrong in the apartment summoned police.

Police said when they went to the 20th-floor apartment, the man spoke to them through the door but kept it locked. Unable to convince Gans to open the door, police climbed out of the window of a neighboring apartment around onto the balcony, and in through a window.

Police said they saw Gans sitting. He looked up at the officers as they entered but offered no resistance.

The bodies of Gan's parents were on the floor.

Uruguay guerrillas release French woman

MONTEVIDEO (AP). — French newswoman Michelle Ray was freed yesterday morning, according to police sources.

The 34-year-old journalist had been kidnapped, presumably by a unit of the "Popular Revolutionary Organization," while she was visiting a fellow newswoman.

Circumstances attending the kidnap were confused and unclear. It was reported early on that she had been freed on the same day she was kidnapped — on Monday. The police, however, said she was released only this morning at an unspecified part of Montevideo.

She gained attention some time ago in Vietnam when Vietcong guerrillas captured and later released her.

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Turkish police, army in hunt for 5 escapees

ISTANBUL (UPI). — More th 2,000 police and army troops con ed the back alleys of Istanb Asian side yesterday in a house house hunt for five extremists broke out of one of Turkey's tig est security prisons Tuesday.

Martial law officials said the including three charged with kidnap-murder in May of Isra consul-general Ephraim Elrom, have sought refuge in the part the city lying on the far side the Bosporus Strait.

Citizens were halted, their id tification papers scrutinized. All c had to stop at two dozen pol and military roadblocks scatte throughout the city.

The five, all members of the u derground Turkish People's Libe tion Army, apparently escaped digging a 15-metre tunnel into sewer passage at Maltepe pris about eight kms. east of the ci

Poll shows Muskie ahead in New Hampshire

DURHAM, New Hampshire (AP) — U.S. Senator Edmund Muskie, Democrat-Maine, is the leader in New Hampshire's presidential primary, according to a statewide poll made public Tuesday. The important primary is the first in the nation.

The poll of 2,000 voters, conducted by the League of Women Voters, showed Senator Muskie with 44 per cent of the vote; Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts 20 per cent; Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey 10 per cent; South Dakota Senator George McGovern 9 per cent; New York Mayor John Lindsay 4 per cent and Washington Senator Henry Jackson and Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty with 1 per cent. Eleven per cent were undecided.

Nine perish in collapse of building

NAPLES. — A three-storey shop and apartment building in a Naples suburb collapsed early yesterday in a flaming explosion, killing at least nine residents.

Eleven others were rescued from the wreckage, including a three month-old baby girl rescued after eight hours in the rubble. They were injured or in shock. Several were in critical condition. Firemen said there might be two more persons buried in the rubble if all 2 members of five families in the building were at home.

One neighbour, jolted out of bed by the blast, said he saw the five-year-old reinforced concrete building go down "like a house of cards." Another said he thought it was an earthquake.

Firemen said the blast, which shattered windows in the neighbourhood, might have come from a gas container storage room on the ground floor of the building. They said they also were investigating whether it might have been an explosion of a store of illegal fireworks sold for Christmas and New Year.

I.O.S. protests arrest of two top officials

GENEVA (Reuter). — An Investors Overseas Services (IOS) representative said yesterday the arrest of chairman Robert Vesco and president Milton Meissner by Swiss police was in "total conflict" with the findings of a Swiss banking commission's investigation.

Vesco and Meissner, who are both Americans, were arrested Tuesday night after a legal complaint had been lodged against them by a former IOS sales executive, David Tucker, alleging that a bank under their control had been guilty of dishonest business practices.

Tucker alleged that Vesco and Meissner were responsible for misappropriation of shares which he had placed in the keeping of the Overseas Development Bank (ODB) when they controlled it.

In a statement yesterday, IOS Vice-President Norman Leblanc said that a Swiss banking commission had carried out an exhaustive investigation into the alleged misconduct. Subsequently, in a letter on Nov. 4, it had specifically approved the continuation on the board of the ODB of Vesco, Meissner and Ulrich Strickler, a senior Swiss ODB official, who was questioned yesterday by the public prosecutor.

Leblanc said the commission's investigators found that the three men had acted in good faith upon the advice of independent Swiss counsel in regard to the transaction.

Leblanc said IOS Ltd., the parent company of the worldwide mutual funds complex with assets under management in excess of $1,000m. could under no circumstances agree with the decision of the Geneva examining magistrate to hold the two men in custody.

He said the suit filed against Vesco, Meissner and Strickler was brought by an employee of IOS on a transaction involving about $13,000.

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Repression rebounds on Yahya

By MAX LERNER

WE haven't come far in international sanity, have we, in failing to marshal the power or will to stop the India-Pakistan war which everyone saw coming?

Basically, it is a mixture of war and civil war. On the civil war side, the closest parallel is Spain in 1936, but with the roles reversed. In Spain the revolt was by the right-wing generals against a legal regime of the Republican left. Here it is a revolt of the left-autonomous Mukti Bahini — the liberation guerrillas of East Bengal — against the right-wing military regime of Yahya Khan and the generals whose spokesman and instrument he is.

YAHYA KHAN

I feel for the people who are being killed and maimed on both sides, but I don't weep for Yahya Khan and his generals. In military terms they are the underdogs, yes, and they will probably lose East Bengal, but they brought the retribution on themselves by their narrowness and rigidity, and by the great repression of March 25.

That was when Yahya, after several weeks of negotiating, *cracked down on* Sheikh Mujibur, giving the excuse that Mujibur wanted not autonomy but secession. The army arrested the leaders, jailed many others and spread panic in the villages. The result of the ghastly repression was a mass migration of refugees into India, a regrouping of the surviving leadership, the formation of the Mukti Bahini, and this time not a movement for autonomy but a real war for independence.

Its aim is, at the minimum, to carve out any area like Jessore and Boyra from East Pakistan by force of arms, and reclaim it as an independent enclave, the nucleus of an ultimate state of East Bengal. The Indians have joined in this for several reasons — their sympathy for their East Bengal neighbours, their closeness to the millions of refugees (mostly Hindus) who have swarmed in, their desire to send them back — but to their own state, not to further repression and persecution.

Add to these motives the fact that India's *own province of West Bengal*, governed by direct rule from Delhi, has been a chaos of terrorism, assassinations and left-wing urban guerrillas, with three Communist parties fighting each other and the government, but all of them applying pressure to help the Mukti Bahini in their liberation war. If one of the results of the war will be to help the dismemberment of India's enemy, Pakistan, already on the verge of falling apart, the Indians are unlikely to grieve overmuch.

I have tried to look at the whole tangle with a cold eye, without trying to apologize for the activist role of India. Pakistan's case — given the past — is bad enough without trying to make it worse, or endowing the Indians with the gleaming armor of virtue. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is a skilful realist who assessed the burden of the refugees, the internal pressure of Indian opinion and the chances of success or failure in the war. Her recent trip to Moscow and the Western capitals was masterly in marshalling or neutralizing world opinion, and India has the advantage of not having to use its own planes and tanks to help the liberation force.

India has other advantages. It has a five-to-one lead over Pakistan in sheer military strength. The two Pakistani capitals, separated by an Indian corridor of 1,000 miles, depend on a round-about air route over Ceylon which is as long as from New York to London. In East Bengal their forces are surrounded by a hostile population, while the Mukti Bahini swim in the sea of a friendly one.

If there had been a real balance of deterrence between the two opposing sides, the war would probably not have broken out. It is impossible now to create such a balance. It is also impossible to solve things by taking the word of Yahya Khan that he wants the refugees to return. He set up camps for them but no one came back. Even if they wanted to, they know that with 75 million people tilling the scanty hectares of land in East Pakistan, they will never find their little plots of earth again if they return: as the Hindu tillers fled, the Moslem tillers closed in over the narrow strips that had been abandoned.

The best hope is that once the Jessore-Boyra enclave is carved out, the great powers and the United Nations may find mediation more possible. Otherwise the now limited war could easily become another protracted one like Vietnam, or even worse.

Drug scandal shakes French Intelligence

Report from PARIS by Jack Maurice

THE ordinary Frenchman's confidence in his rulers has taken yet another buffeting, following the recent revelations that senior government representatives have been dabbling in real estate frauds and that wealthy Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who runs four homes and belongs with his wife to two smart golf clubs, somehow manages to pay only $3,200 a year in income tax. The latest blow to the regime's integrity has come from charges by a former ambassador that France's intelligence service, the S.D.E.C.E., is devoting more time and effort to smuggling drugs across the Atlantic than to safeguarding national security.

Despite the general mood of lassitude and shoulder-shrugging acceptance towards dishonesty in high places, the French were genuinely shocked when Roger Barberot, who has served as ambassador in Uruguay and the Central African Republic, went on the radio to claim that the S.D.E.C.E. organization was used in order to send a $12 million drug shipment to the U.S. earlier this year. Barberot declared that a senior intelligence chief known as Colonel Fournier was the brains behind the smuggling operation. Fournier's highest military rank was that of sergeant-major and his real name is Ferrer, but he is a senior aide of the boss of the S.D.E.C.E., Colonel Alexandre de Marenches, who calls himself "Count" on his visiting cards. De Marenches in fact has never exercised a military command and his aristocratic origins are somewhat dubious. However, he enjoys the complete confidence of President Georges Pompidou who appointed him to the country's chief intelligence job during a spring-cleaning operation, which was designed to winkle out agents who had been chosen by General de Gaulle with the object of improving relations with the Soviet K.G.B. and keeping a close eye on the American Central Intelligence Agency.

The spotlight was first focused on "Colonel Fournier" when he was denounced by a junior S.D.E.C.E agent, Roger Delouette, who was caught red-handed by the U.S. customs in New Jersey last April. Delouette was collecting a Volkswagen Minibus which he had shipped from France with 96 pounds of heroin hidden in the floor. Delouette promptly turned state's evidence and confessed to U.S. Attorney Herbert Stern that he was running the heroin for his chief at the "Swimming Pool," the French nickname for the S.D.E.C.E's Paris headquarters. Stern demanded that the French authorities should either hand over Fournier for prosecution in the United States or try him in France. But for seven months the French did nothing. They would probably still be sitting tight if Stern had not publicly demanded Fournier's extradition earlier this month.

Last week Delouette cooked a Thanksgiving Day holiday dinner for his fellow prisoners in the Somerset County Jail at Somerville, N.J. Deputy Sheriff Janiel Jackson said: "He's a very good cook. He's cooking the traditional turkey with pumpkin pie and all the trimmings." Fournier's plight was probably less enviable than that of his former assistant. The "Colonel" was summoned by a French magistrate, Judge Gabriel Roussel, and questioned for one hour and a half. As he left the Paris Law Courts, the S.D.E.C.E. chief lost his temper with a press photographer who took his picture. He called the police and asked to be taken to the nearest police station with the photographer. There he explained: "If my photo is published my career as a secret agent will be over. I will be identified all over the world."

So far the French Government has been backing Fournier's protestations of outraged innocence. Typical of the official reaction was a banner headline in "France-Soir," the biggest selling French newspaper which proclaimed curiously: "Colonel Fournier, counter-espionage ace. He's the man who defeated the American agents who tried to steal the secrets of Concorde." The headline writer, or the government official who inspired it, must have overlooked the fact that Concorde's electronic systems are supplied from the United States. "France-Soir" readers were recently told that the Soviet supersonic transport Tupolev 144 beat Concorde into the sky thanks to French plans which were snatched by Soviet spies. If this is true, it is fair to ask what Colonel Fournier has really been up to at the S.D.E.C.E.

The French Government has publicly reaffirmed its confidence in Count de Marenches, Defence Minister Michel Debré, to whom the S.D.E.C.E. is directly responsible, has gone even further. Ignoring the fact that Attorney Stern was appointed to his job by the U.S. Department of Justice, Debré said: "Delouette has fallen into the hands of an American magistrate—a 100 per cent politician. *Now Delouette accuses the* entire world. Somebody builds up an immense drama and confuses everything. A novel has been compiled. This is worth putting only on the 15th page of a third-rate newspaper and that, too, in small print."

Regardless of M. Debré's advice, the French newspapers have been devoting their front pages to the story. Not even Judge Roussel has been heeding the Defence Minister. During the past few days he has questioned Count de Marenches and his predecessor as head of the S.D.E.C.E., General Eugène Guiband. The judge has also interrogated Delouette's mistress, 22-year old Mademoiselle Marie-José Robert who has just had a baby. In Marie-José's suburban apartment at Boulogne-sur-Seine the police have found $17,400 in counterfeit notes. An obvious question springs to mind: has the S.D.E.C.E. been forging American currency for use by its agents?

M. Debre may consider all this a bad novel. But the characters are real and some of them occupy key posts in France's Fifth Republic. And it is making such exciting reading that Frenchmen are going to be very disappointed if they are deprived of the next instalment.

A small fire which broke out at the Santa Katharina Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai on Tuesday did not cause much damage, despite the primitive fire-fighting equipment available. One of the servants at the Monastery is seen above extinguishing the smouldering debris with the help of a small tin can. Left: Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who flew to the Monastery to see what had happened, is seen talking to the Abbot, Father Dionysius.

(Defence Ministry photos)

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Below: Iranian Prime Minister Amir Abass reporting to the Majlis on Tuesday's seizure by Iranian troops of three Persian Gulf islets. (AP)

British police are looking for Syrian-born pilot Rafig el Jassen Ashour, 27, and Britisher Raymond Back, 45, in connection with an attempt to smuggle Asian immigrants into Britain by plane. (AP radiophoto)

Red star on red planet has U.S. puzzled

By BILL STOCKTON

PASADENA, California (AP).— THE announcement in Moscow that a Russian capsule had landed on Mars left American scientists as puzzled as ever about the mission of the Soviet Union's Mars 2 and 3 spacecraft.

They stand ready to applaud a Soviet achievement, but until the Soviets reveal more details, the significance of the feat cannot be assessed. "The question is, have they landed an instrument package on Mars that is sending back data, or have they just sent down a flag?" said a scientist at the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory which is controller for America's Mariner 9 in its orbit around Mars.

Tuesday's announcement from Tass, the Soviet news agency, said that as Mars 2 passed within 1,249 kms. of Mars on Saturday a capsule was separated from it and delivered to the surface of Mars a pennant showing the Soviet Union's coat of arms. The statement said that Mars 2, after dispatching the capsule, went into Martian orbit and began transmitting data.

The Russians gave no further information about the lander. They did not say whether it contained instruments, or if the capsule survived the landing and was sending back data. Nor did they say when Mars 3, launched nine days behind Mars 2 last May, would reach the red planet.

Speculation here is that an instrument package with a flag was sent to the surface, probably by parachute.

The flag, one scientist suggested, might be to salvage Soviet pride if something went wrong and the instruments were destroyed. But if the Soviet Union has landed an instrument package, the scientists here agree, it is a significant step in the exploration of the planets.

"I think they're to be heartily commended," said Dr. Carl Sagan of Cornell University, here for study of data from Mariner 9. "Of course, we want to know what sort of scientific instrumentation is on board and until we find out it's hard to assess the experimental programme. But merely landing, even if there is no instrumentation, is an achievement."

ALLENDE'S CAR STONED IN CHILE

VALPARAISO (AP).—Chilean President Salvador Allende's motorcade was stoned Tuesday night on a road between Valparaiso and the adjoining Pacific resort of Vina Del Mar, police and press reports said.

Several rocks were hurled at the two advance cars of the presidential motorcade. Visiting Cuban Premier Fidel Castro was not in the cars.

B-G honoured in the Andes

By a Special Correspondent

QUITO, Ecuador. — TWELVE sturdy pine saplings planted on November 15 on the steep slope of a mountain in the *Andes, forerunners* of a 50,000-tree forest, represent what is probably the most unusual of the gifts received by Mr. David Ben-Gurion on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

The Ben-Gurion Forest, as it is to be called, is being planted by the Jewish community of Ecuador in Loja, an isolated and so far comparatively unproductive province of the country. It is intended not only to honour Israel's "grand old man," but also to express the community's gratitude to the little South American Republic which gave haven to most of its members at the time of the Holocaust. At the same time, the forest marks the first practical step in the reclamation of the area through afforestation.

The first sapling was planted by the Israeli Ambassador to Ecuador, followed by the Honorary Consul of Israel on behalf of the Jewish community, by military and civilian notables and by representatives of high school and university students from Loja itself and from other parts of Ecuador.

Viewed from the army Dakota which took the planting party from Quito, the province of Loja seems to consist almost entirely of razor-sharp mountain ridges, some covered with rough vegetation. Extending over an area of nearly 10,000 sq. kms. and bordering on Peru in the south-west, Loja has a population of under 400,000. Some 17 per cent of its area is uncultivable and the main crop of its 25 per cent agricultural land in the valleys is sugar cane.

The province, according to statistics published in connection with its 151st anniversary of emancipation from Spain on November 18, has less than 2,000 kms. of roads, of which only 62 kms. are asphalted and no more than 110 kms. usable in all weather. Lack of easy communication with the rest of the country is indeed one of Loja's major economic problems. The capital city of Loja, with 70,000 inhabitants, is situated at an altitude of 2,064 metres and is served by an inadequate airport 1,000 metres below, which cannot take planes larger than DC3s. The journey to the airport takes almost an hour, down a serpentine road of hairpin bends.

Despite its handicaps, Loja province can boast of two universities (one state-owned, one private), a technical institute, 19 high schools and 643 primary schools.

The Ben-Gurion Forest, it is hoped, will mark the beginning of a new era for Loja. To the sage of Sde Boker, it may seem pleasing that the example he and his comrades set in Sejera is being followed in the Andes today.

Hunger strike for Soviet Jews

TEL AVIV. — Maoz, a private group in aid of Soviet Jewry, has appealed to a number of organizations abroad to organize a hunger strike on December 10, International Human Rights Day, to protest against the treatment of political prisoners in the Soviet Union.

Its letter said, "In the U.S.S.R., political prisoners are held under cruel conditions, many of them in special 'psychiatric' hospitals; they are prevented from having any contacts with the outside world. It is our duty to fight for them, to demand their release."

The letter contains the names of 25 prisoners whose fate should illustrate the conditions under which "hundreds of thousands" are held in Soviet jails and camps. Three are Jews who are serving sentences because they wished to emigrate to Israel: Gilia Butman, Mark Dymshits (sentenced in the first Leningrad trial) and Sylva Zalmanson. Among the other names, one is obviously Jewish, Victor Feinberg, a philologist who had protested against the occupation of Czechoslovakia. The rest of the list has names of non-Jews, among them Major-General Piotr Grigorenko, whose denunciation of secret police methods had landed him into a psychiatric ward.

Maoz does not take part in the National Council for Soviet Jewry, set up by most of the national parties and social movements. Officials of the Council told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that they disapprove of Maoz's activity because it is anti-Soviet without stressing the one point in which the Jewish people and the State of Israel were interested — the preservation of Jewish culture and religion in the Soviet Union and permission for those wishing to do so to emigrate to Israel.

"We deliberately avoid any discussion with the U.S.S.R. about its regime, which should be regarded as an internal matter of the Soviet people. We are protesting, however, against the treatment of Jews as Jews and their punishment for wishing to join their folks in Israel," the Council source said.

Girl dies, poisoned by pesticide

KFAR SABA. — A 15-year-old girl from Tira village died of poisoning on Tuesday while helping her father to spray insecticide on his field. She was Nihiya Hidili. She was rushed to Kfar Saba hospital, but was dead on arrival.

Her father also felt ill and was taken to hospital, but recovered. *(Itim)*

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Jerusalem-Hadera	"	" 4.30
Jerusalem-Netanya	"	" 3.65
Jerusalem-Bnei Brak	"	" 3.10
Haifa-Nahariya	"	" 1.15
Nahariya-Tel Aviv	"	" 4.60
Nahariya-Jerusalem	"	" 6.30

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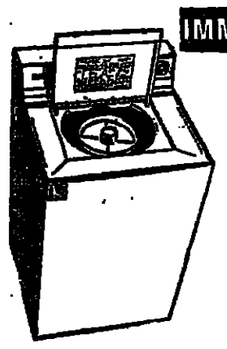

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BUSINESS COMMENT by Moshe Ater

The blame for the Vered debacle

By Dr. MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE Israel Government is large enough not to be inconvenienced by the appointment of a Ministerial Committee to probe the causes of losses accumulated by Vered Ltd. Since no criminal charges have been brought against the company's management, the inquiry will not be public. Only the Minister's practical recommendations will — or will not — be disclosed.

Reports of Vered's difficulties have been circulating for years. Eventually, some more details may be unearthed, but this will hardly force anybody to take an action which could not have been taken long ago.

It is the public that should protest against this practice of sweeping unpleasant facts under the carpet. If Vered were owned by private shareholders, or if the bill had to be footed by private creditors, the story would have hardly been treated with equanimity. Why should public money be treated differently? The losses already admitted to total almost $11m., but the aggregate amount must be substantially more than that — say, IL80m.

Vered cannot claim to have lost the money for some well-meant purpose. It was obviously wasted through sheer mismanagement, because Mekorot embarked upon ambitious projects abroad which by far exceeded its grasp and capacity. And having started on that slippery road, it proceeded even after realizing its mistake on the flimsy grounds that admitting it "would have frightened off investors." The "investors" Mr. Kariv, Mekorot general manager, was talking about, are the Israel Government, which owns all Mekorot shares, and — directly or indirectly — all the shares of Vered. So if his words are to be taken at face value, he and his colleagues have been deliberately misleading those shareholders, the public, and the taxpayer.

ZE'EV KARIV

Mr. Kariv may yet be acquitted of blame, but the question remains of how this mismanagement took place? Why was it allowed to proceed for such a time, to such amounts? What about Vered's and Mekorot's boards of directors? Their accountants? The banks which must have financed this folly? The Treasury which presumably provided the colaterals for credits? The Knesset Finance Committee which must have given its approval — or how else could projects of such risk and size be financed? What about the various departmental controls which block the way for any private venture, but seem to be non-existant when the public purse is concerned? What about the Ministers who are belatedly to carry out a post mortem?

These questions cannot be brushed aside. More is at stake than even the huge loss incurred. Israelis are regularly treated to sermons about the need to reduce private spending in order to release funds, and economic resources for the public sector. The strength of this appeal is waning rapidly as more knowledge is gained on the way public funds are administered, services are provided and investments made. The Vered affair did not make big headlines because it was not considered extraordinary. That perhaps is the worst condemnation of the present system.

The Accuran stand at a recent exhibition of mechanical equipment in Sweden.

Fine mechanics shops coordinate exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Accuran, a group formed to export the fine mechanical products of small local factories and workshops, is now getting into its stride.

Mr. Efraim Ben-Dor, head of the company, got the idea of setting up the group more than a year ago when he noticed that while the workshops had expanded their plants and work forces several-fold during the past few years, orders for fine mechanical work were dropping off. Most of them were too small to consider exporting their skills in the form of finished items.

He organized 12 of them, including five kibbutz firms, into Accuran, and an exhibition was arranged last year at the Israel Metal Week. Subsequently, he exhibited in Germany and Sweden, explaining to foreign buyers that the Israel firms, due to their small size, could produce quality products, promise fast delivery and work in small series (which large firms find unprofitable).

An initial order, for 30,000 Swiss francs, has already been obtained, and a re-order for 150,000 francs is expected.

Today, Accuran consists of 20 firms, employing 400-500 workers.

A TAXI DRIVER who overcharged a passenger on a Tel Aviv-Jerusalem trip has been fined IL250 by a Tel Aviv Court.

China must raise farm output 2-3% each year

TOKYO (UPI). — China may be waging a losing battle to grow enough food for a population increasing more than 10 million persons a year, says an influential Japanese Business Magazine.

"Toyo Keizai" Magazine published a 172-page special edition devoted entirely to analysis of China's economy.

"China has one quarter of the world's people, and only one thirteenth of the world's arable land," the magazine said in its lead article.

"Population growth reached 292 per cent a year in the early stages of Communist rule," says the article, estimating that the population is now increasing at the rate of over 10 million persons a year.

"The first duty of the Chinese economy is to supply this increasing population with the necessities of life, and the most important of these are food and cotton cloth. These in the last analysis are agricultural products, so it is necessary to raise China's agricultural output two to three per cent a year."

The magazine said China lacks the capital to open up undeveloped land, and is trying to increase harvests on land already under cultivation. "Raising yields on China's already highly utilized land, continuously increasing them by two or three per cent is going to be very difficult," "Toyo Keizai" said.

"In fact, there is no precedent for this having been achieved anywhere in all human history."

The magazine gave the Communist rulers of China credit for some achievements. It said they have added 17,000 km. to the country's railway network.

It estimated they also had raised China's road mileage from a pre-revolutionary level of 199,500 km. to 547,000 km. by 1966, the last year for which information was available.

Creation of an oil industry producing 160 million barrels of crude oil a year was noted.

However, "Toyo Keizai" added that China was an "underdeveloped agricultural country" with a per capita income of about $100 a year.

The magazine said farmers and their families comprise three quarters of China's 800 million population. It said only about 100 million persons — one eighth of the population — belonged to families where the breadwinners held modern jobs.

It said that with the economy under Communist management, only a slow growth in foreign trade was likely.

"Foreign trade is carried on as part of the domestic development plan," "Toyo Keizai" commented. "China imports necessary machines for the construction of industry. In order to pay for them, she exports agricultural products and cotton goods.

"However, to compensate for the extreme food shortage large imports of food and fertilizer had to be carried out."

C & P shows a profit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A preliminary balance sheet of Chemicals and Phosphates for the first six months of the current financial year shows a profit of IL2.4m. The balance sheet covers a period following immediately on administrative and financial separation of the company from the Negev Phosphates Company. The Negev company has been running up losses almost regularly and has blurred the basically sound financial picture of C and P.

The company's spokesman stated that the IL2.4m. net profit, achieved despite operational difficulties and devaluation, includes its share in Witco chemicals (a subsidiary in which an American firm holds a majority share), but not any payments due to Israel Chemicals.

Tnuva fined for flies in milk

HAIFA. — Tnuva was fined IL550 in the Magistrate's Court here on Tuesday for selling bottles of milk containing parts of flies and other unidentified impurities. During the past two years Tnuva has been taken to court 42 times on similar charges and fined a total of IL6,500. *(Itim)*

PURITY IS HALLMARK OF 'DEAD SEA PERICLASE'

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE series of mishaps at Arad Chemicals has caused many people to question the entire programme of developing a cluster of ancillary industries around the Dead Sea Works. This scepticism is, however, not based on adequate foundations.

In any event, one part of the programme — handled by Dead Sea Periclase Ltd. — is proceeding according to schedule. Production is expected to start early in 1973, with annual turnover planned to amount to $6m.-$7m., virtually all of it for export with a very high value added content.

Periclase is the technical name of pure, sintered magnesium oxide, the main use of which is as a material for production of refractory bricks — bricks withstanding the high temperatures generated in steel furnaces. Conventional furnaces are lined with chamotte bricks, which contain besides alumina and MgO also traces of chlorides, sulphates and ferro-oxides, and are therefore liable to be corroded in the intense heat developed in modern steel industry. Furnaces based on the use of oxygen injection require a lining that is more resistent to heat and corrosion, and to that end periclase can be best relied upon.

A precondition for this, however, is that the material is pure. The Dead Sea abounds in magnesium even more than in potassium, though in its chloride form. In order to obtain the oxide, the brine residue from potash production must therefore undergo chemical treatment.

For the production of high quality periclase a method is used which allows the reduction of the impurities to 2 per cent. For special purposes in which periclase is also used (e.g. in the chemical, rubber, and ceramic industries) the "contamination" can be reduced to one half of one per cent. It is this high purity of the product obtained at the Dead Sea — amply tested in the pilot plant put up there 10 years ago — which makes the Israeli periclase in a class by itself.

The magnesium oxide is obtained from the chloride brine released by the Dead Sea Works, and undergoes several additional production stages — washing, calcination, briqueting, and sintering.

The plant now under construction is intended to produce 55,000 tons a year (including 3,000 to 4,000 tons of special grades) and will require an investment of up to $20m., of which about one third is the shareholders' equity. The project is a joint venture of Israel Chemicals Ltd. (i.e. the government) and an American firm — General Refractory Corporation (Grefco) — which has several subsidiaries in Europe and Latin America, and is marketing its refractory bricks in Europe through its subsidiaries Austrian-American Magnesite and Radex International under the trade name Radex. Grefco's aggregate turnover is close to one million tons a year, but it is interested in the Israel output of periclase in order to assure itself of the raw material needed for its high grade products.

Once the plant is put on stream, the major portion of its output will be taken up by Austrian-American Magnesite brick plants in Austria and Germany. As a matter of fact, substantial expansion — up to three times the initial output — has been envisaged at a later stage.

Moreover, a plant for producing periclase bricks on spot may eventually be set up — with an eye in particular to the Far East market. While periclase (ordinary) costs about $120 per ton, the bricks fetch $300 to $400 per ton.

Whether these plans will materialize depends, however, on the plant's technical and commercial success, i.e. first and foremost on the quality of its product. Thus, close cooperation with the eventual users of the periclase produced is of importance. Indeed, Grefco and Austrian-American Magnesites have agreed to provide without an additional charge, all the knowhow involved in the production process. For a time, relations with the company were strained when it turned out that the investment will considerably exceed the original estimate, and the government refused to provide all the balance by additional loans and grants, but eventually the foreign group agreed to increase the equity investment, and to pay its share in the increment.

LOAN NOT INVESTMENT

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals
Before the Deputy President (Justice Sussman), Justices Kister and Etzioni

David Bamaior, Appellant, v. Kommedia Theatre & Others, Respondents (C. A. 131/71)

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin
THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1971

Implied term may reasonably be read into loan agreement

(Continued from Tuesday)

Justice Etzioni

Justice Etzioni was of the opinion that the appeal should be allowed. In explaining this he pointed out that he was quite alive to the danger of reading implied terms into contracts without upsetting the delicate balance between construing a contract, which is the court's function, and constructing it, which is not the court's function. Furthermore, he agreed with Justice Sussman that it is not the function of the courts to fill in lacunae left by the parties to an agreement, or to vary agreements in accordance with what they think the parties should have intended (see also Friedman on "Construing, Without Constructing, a Contract", L.Q.R. vol. 76, pp. 521-4).

Nor, continued Justice Etzioni, did he intend ignoring the growing tendency on the part of the courts to limit to the utmost the use of implied terms. However, there is no doubt that there are occasions, albeit rare ones, when the courts should not refrain from construing agreements as containing implied terms, and in his opinion the present occasion was one.

In explaining this conclusion, Justice Etzioni noted that the implied term is generally read into an agreement in order to give such business efficacy to a transaction as must have been intended by the parties (see The Moorcock, 1889, 60 L.T. 656). The difficulty arises, he continued, in deciding what the parties intended; and in this context he could not agree with "the officious bystander test," although, to be true, it has been used in both English and local jurisprudence. For in his opinion this was a fictitious way of saying merely that the matter should be left to the subjective discretion of the individual judge. He, for his part, favoured the old legal stand-by of the objective "reasonable man test."

In applying this test, continued Justice Etzioni, he thought it was only reasonable to conclude, particularly in the case of business transactions, that the parties could not have intended "to impose on one side all the perils of the transaction, or to emancipate one side from all the burdens" in the words of Lord Bowen (in The Moorcock case.)

Further assistance could also be gleaned from the ruling by Lord Reid (in Sterling Engineering v. Latchett, 1955, A.C. 534) that a term can be read into a contract if it is inherent in the nature of the contract and when the law will imply it in every case unless the parties have agreed to vary or exclude it.

In applying the above two principles to the case under consideration, Justice Etzioni held that it is apparent that the parties could not have intended the appellant to lose both his investment and his loan in the event that the theatre failed to show any profits. On the contrary, there was nothing in the agreement to indicate this, and the only proper conclusion to be drawn from the fact that the loan was made repayable from the respondents' profits was that the parties wished to ensure that the first profits went to pay off the loan. In the absence of any such profits, however, it was only reasonable to conclude that the loan should be repaid in some other way by the respondents within a reasonable time.

The appeal should, therefore, be allowed, and the respondents required to repay the appellant's loan, plus 11% interest, from the day the action was brought.

Justice Kister

In concurring with Justice Etzioni that the appeal should be allowed, Justice Kister held that it has been the law since Jewish law times that if a creditor cannot collect payment of a debt in full from the securities given him by the debtor, then he is entitled to collect the residue by the ordinary process of law, unless he has waived this right in advance.

In the particular case under consideration, he noted, the appellant had given his partners a certain sum of money as a loan, and had stipulated that it should be returned to him from the first profits made by them. He had not, however, waived his right to return of his loan in the event of there being no profits (in contradistinction to his express forgoing of his investment in that event). It must be implied, therefore, that the appellant was entitled to collect his loan in the ordinary way from the respondents in view of the fact that there had been no profits; and the only question which might arise is when the respondents should return this loan, in the absence of any provision with regard to dates in the agreement. As, however, the agreement had been made in 1963 and the appellant had brought his action in 1969, this afforded the respondents a reasonable length of time in which to return the loan.

Appeal allowed, by majority decision, with IL800 costs.

Judgment given on November 14, 1971.

Merchants object to AVT now

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

PRICES will rise 20 per cent when the Added Value Tax is introduced next October because the Government is not really able to control prices. This will mean that in addition to the 10 per cent price rise stemming from the new tax, the manufacturers and suppliers will also manage to add on their little bit for good measure, according to Jerusalem Merchants Association Secretary General Avraham Birenbaum.

It is a fatal error to introduce an Added Value Tax at a time of inflation, as it will only aggravate the situation, he says. Because of this the Merchants Association believes that it is a mistake on the part of the Government to impose the tax in October, and intends fighting the tax in whatever way necessary, including strikes.

Part of the public fight which the organization intends to wage will be devoted to persuading the Finance Ministry not to require small shopkeepers to pay added value on their profit margins, if the tax is introduced. The same system, as applied today for purchase tax, should be applied in their case, they argue. The tax should be paid by the manufacturers for the retailers too, as the vast majority of the small traders are incapable of the intricate bookkeeping operation which the tax collection would entail. Collecting all the tax from the manufacturer would also save considerable costly paper work at government level, he noted.

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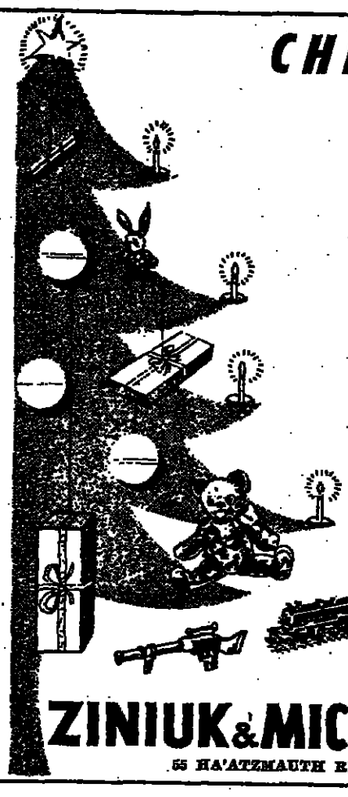
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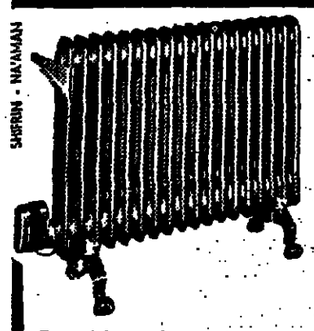
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How the Labour Party pulls in the Arab vote

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IN his office at Labour Party Headquarters in Tel Aviv, David Zekaria's telephone rang almost without stopping: three Arab families in Jaffa expected their house to cave in any moment; negotiations on a family dispute in a northern village which threatened to break up the local council coalition. Although his problems combine those of diplomat, social worker, and psychologist, the Director of the Labour Party's Arab Department sums up his job honestly and briefly: "To get votes for the party at election time."

Mr. Zekaria's approach, however, is by no means cynical. He is concerned with the good of the party, but no less about the people who come to him for help. His schedule is overcrowded but he somehow finds time to chat amiably, as if the day's programme did not include another ten (perhaps more urgent) appointments.

"We are like an army which trains its soldiers and worries about their health and welfare so that, in time of war, they will be good fighters. Our 'war,' of course, is fought at the polls."

Yet victory at the polls is not always enough. Last month, local elections were held in Julis and the Labour Party won seven of the nine mandates. The eighth was won by a list under National Religious Party sponsorship, and the last by an independent list "which seems to identify most closely with the N.R.P." With such a clear majority, an all-Labour coalition should form itself. But in this Druse village, as in most minority villages in Israel, lists are family-oriented and disagreements between the seven (Labour-identified) *hamulahs* (clans) are preventing it.

Each family wants to form its own coalition and to be at its head. One of the minority lists may get to the head of the council.

"Of course, we do not look upon coalition with the N.R.P., or with Mapam or with another Zionist party the same way we look at a coalition with Rakah. But still our goism as a party won't let us sit in when we have such a clear majority..."

David Zekaria and his field workers have gone to the village to talk, plead, promise, threaten, or do whatever might help.

How to get cooperation

"We have succeeded in getting our to go along with us; all we need is one more... There's no magic formula to get cooperation. Sometimes we have to give something, and sometimes we have to threaten not to give him the job or support or whatever else he wants unless he cooperates." But time is running out. The election results are about to be gazetted, following which the outgoing chairman has 15 days to assemble the new council for election of its chairman and co-chairmen. But formation of a coalition is not enough to make the party throw up hands in defeat.

"We keep talking and pleading and pestering in the hope that we can break up the coalition and form a new one." This he is now trying to accomplish in a village where recent election returns resulted in a coalition with Rakah. Since the first local council in a village is appointed by the Ministry of Interior for a four-year term, and may not be appointed after election time, local elections in some villages do not correspond with elections to the Knesset. But, when both elections are held on the same day, a strange thing happens: In the election booth for the Knesset, family ties don't count as much as they once did. With young people now more financially independent of their parents, nobody tells his father how he should vote. So for example, Rakah can poll 5 per cent of the vote in a particular village. But in the balloting for the local council, family ties suddenly become important again. So Rakah gets maybe 5 per cent of the vote in the same village and the rest of the votes go to family lists representing other parties."

Mr. Zekaria does not think votes are bought and sold in the Arab villages. If he knew of such a case, he said, he would report it to the police. "Paying salaries to local vote-getters or offering jobs to people who help the party is perfectly acceptable political practice everywhere. But that isn't buying and selling votes."

Like all party workers Mr. Zekaria helps party members and supporters untangle bureaucratic red tape. Sometimes the problem concerns income tax or National Insurance. Sometimes, as in the case of the three families in Jaffa, it is a matter of getting a call through to the right municipal official in time, which happened during this interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. He is expected to share members' personal joys and sorrows — to attend their weddings and to be there to offer sympathy at funerals.

"The Arabs are wonderful people to work with. If they sense you really want to help them, they will welcome you." From his experience at the Ministry of Agriculture, where he began as an assistant section chief in the field and became adviser to the Minister on Arab affairs, he pointed out that there are 250 tractors in Arab settlements in the Negev, more than in Jewish kibbutzim. He thinks the Arab tendency to "spend hours over coffee and polite small talk before getting to the point" (as it is often described) comes from their desire to get to know their guest and to see if he is a real friend who can be trusted. Arab traditions of hospitality, of course, also explain this approach.

"If they know you and you explain politely that you are really in a hurry, they will get to the point right away." Besides, he added, why can't we respect their way of doing things? The Italians sit over lunch for two hours and nobody seems to mind.

Mr. Zekaria does not object to terms like "Arab mentality." The Arabs, like all other peoples, have their own ways of thinking and behaving. "Israeli influence — with so many young Arabs leaving their villages to work and study in Jewish cities — has brought a desire for change and modernization. I am the first one to want to help bring about the changes they want — but I respect their way of life and think there are certain things, like Arab attitudes toward hospitality, that some of us can learn." Mr. Zekaria was himself born in Iraq "so I feel close to Eastern culture." He came to Israel in 1941 and joined the Ministry of Agriculture in 1949 after studying agronomy at the Hebrew University.

It is obvious to him that Jews and Arabs in Israel will have to learn to live together for the simple reason that there is no alternative.

"There are all kinds of organizations trying to foster Jewish-Arab understanding. Usually — despite everyone's best intentions — Arab-Jewish gatherings draw only about 10 per cent Jews and real dialogue is rare. If the situation were different, we would not need all these societies."

Mr. Zekaria points to two basic kinds of problems in the Israeli Arab community today. One category includes problems which the "establishment" — the government, the Histadrut, etc. — can solve. "In this field, I think we are working toward solutions. You can argue with me about the pace. You can say that after 23 years there should not be Arab villages without electricity, and that Arab schools should be on a higher level. I agree with you, but I think in another few years these problems will be solved."

The really difficult obstacles, however, are the ones that money, laws and official bodies alone cannot overcome.

"The Government can open the universities to Arab students, but it can't force the woman who lives down the street from the university to rent a room in her home to an Arab student. The civil service can hire more Arabs, but tell me — if you had a problem with income tax or National Insurance, to whom would you prefer to speak — to a Jewish or an Arab clerk? If an Arab lawyer is accepted into a law firm, it's because the firm wants him to bring in Arab clients..." Until a year ago, the Labour Party did not accept Arab members. Last year, a resolution was passed opening the party ranks to those minorities whose members must serve in the army, and to police and security workers, largely Christian volunteers. A later resolution added "people who are identified with, and identify themselves with, the goals of the party." This policy, Mr. Zekaria said, is not prompted by fear — as Arab students have charged.

"First of all, remember that the Arabs, too, have reservations about joining our party, with its Zionist basis. And problems cannot all be swept under the rug. In Mapam, for example, Arab members leave meetings when delicate political and security issues are discussed, or they don't come at all when such items are on the agenda."

After a year in his present post and 23 years' experience in the Arab sector, Mr. Zekaria believes that most Israeli Arabs are loyal to the State and that some find a way to reconcile their own nationalist identification with their obligations as Israelis. Some gave blood to the Israel Army during the Six Day War; others helped "by not creating any trouble for the army." Some just contribute the work they do to earn a living.

"Rakah and other radical elements have succeeded in wooing only one-third of the Arab vote. The others go to Jewish, Zionist parties — including religious parties concerned about Sabbath observance. That should tell us something."

Architecture students attack 5-storey rule

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Students of the Technion's Architecture and Planning Faculty skipped classes Tuesday morning to demonstrate against the construction industry regulations promulgated by Labour Minister Yosef Almogi on September 1. The regulations permit senior technicians *(handassaim)* who do not have higher training, to plan dwellings of up to five storeys.

Some 150 men and girls of the 500-strong faculty took part in the demonstration, which began in the Technion courtyard and proceeded through the Hadar Hacarmel district to the Minister's home. They carried posters they had drawn themselves, with some humour, changed an impromptu song:

"Now anyone can build five floors;
"Yosef (Almogi) has signed the laws."

And shouldered a coffin, marked "architecture," which they placed outside his home.

The protest was joined by some of the faculty teachers who also signed a petition protesting against the new regulations. They said they would present it to Mr. Almogi as well as to previous Labour Ministers, Premier Golda Meir and her deputy, Yigal Allon.

They told the students that the new regulations were a serious blow to the teaching and study of architecture because, while the students had to study for five years and spend another three gaining practical experience, the *handassaim* could now build "most flats" without full and proper training. They demanded that the Minister freeze the regulations immediately, pending a revision, lest he create a situation in which "anything goes" in the town planning and building fields which the country would regret "for generations to come."

They claimed that when the regulations were first mooted many years ago they had been disregarded to protect public safety, health and property, but they had been changed under pressure into their present form in which they would achieve the exact opposite.

Representatives of the architects' organization, Ya'acov Roditi and Avraham Yaski, who also spoke at the demonstration, denounced the regulations as negating all considerations of acoustics and environment which are now causing so much concern. They announced that if the regulations were not withdrawn, their organization would take further action.

The students' own spokesmen stressed they had no quarrel with the *handassaim*, who "can do important work alongside trained architects, but who should not be allowed to do the work for which only architects are qualified and trained."

Ability to build a wall does not enable the *handassaim* to plan a house, they said.

Discerning conductor

OSTROVSKY

Music at the University: The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra; Avi Ostrovsky, conductor (Wise Auditorium, Jerusalem-Nov. 22). Mozart: Divertimento in D, K. 136; Bloch: Concerto Grosso, for String Orchestra and Piano obbligato; Ibert: Divertissement.

THE orchestra was so large that the musicians could hardly find room on the small stage of the auditorium, yet the sound was not oppressive or harsh. It had all the characteristics of fresh music-making: lightness, precision, movement.

The Mozart Divertimento, a simple, youthful entertainment of Mozart in his teens, had just the right kind of lightness without being superficial or lax, bringing all the endearing if rather immature details into focus.

Ernest Bloch's Concerto Grosso is one of the maestro's most popular pieces, showing the composer's inventiveness, which was not always maintained in later works. Though it is stylistically uneven—the first two movements steeped deeply in Jewish pathos, then the "Pastorale and Rustic Dances" a relapse into continental folksiness. Avigdor Reiss played the not very demanding piano part satisfactorily and the strings performed with gusto and rich tone. Avi Ostrovsky led the orchestra with a firm hand and elicited all the score's attractive sparkle.

Ibert's *Divertissement* is a typical Gallic entertainment, full of wit and surprises, brilliantly orchestrated and full of contrasts in dynamics, colours and tempi. The orchestra performed with appropriate brilliance, and Avi Ostrovsky proved to be a conductor of discernment and drive.

GOOD ORCHESTRA BADLY LET DOWN

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, George Singer, conductor; Bela Siki, piano (Binyenei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem-November 30). Mendelssohn: "Ruy Blas" — Overture; Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3; Dvorak: Symphony No. 9, in E minor, opus 95.

BY chance we were able to hear the Bartok Concerto twice within 10 days, the first time with Pnina Saltzman and the IPO under Paul Paray. Here we found a pianist of the Hungarian tradition who gave his fellow-countryman a more authentic interpretation. Using the pedal very sparingly, the piano part came through crystal-clear and percussiveness — without ever becoming harsh or crude — lent the texture a becoming dryness and transparency. Bela Siki's technical and musical resources are impressive, and his reading of the Bartok Concerto was most satisfying to ear and mind. The support from conductor and the orchestra was lively, and much of the wind instruments' contribution came out better and clearer in this performance than in the earlier presentation by the IPO.

George Singer led an undistinguished rendering of the Mendelssohn Overture which is so elegantly trivial that, perhaps, one cannot present it any better. But his sole occupation with the music does not always bring intended results. Unprecise entries of orchestral groups and other impurities must be laid at his feet, exaggerations in brass dynamics are encouraged by his conducting, and neither does he correct the occasional imbalance of strings and wind instruments. The result is a rather unsatisfactory sound picture which, especially in the clear acoustics of the Binyeni Ha'ooma Hall, leaves an overall impression of unfulfilled expectations detrimental to the good name of the Radio Symphony Orchestra. The musicians obviously tried to give their best, but it is up to a conductor to direct and control, to inspire and stimulate; only then can a positive impression be gained.

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Readers' letters

THE MAJORITY SHOULD SPEAK UP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Moshe Kohn (November 16) accuses Teddy Kollek of lacking civil courage last week at the University when Günter Grass had to urge him "to come up and say something."

We all were found wanting that night. I am ashamed of myself for not having had the guts to go up front and say: "At issue here and now is not 'German culture' but Israel's: is our public life to be disrupted by unreasoning assaults of noisy minorities upon a docile majority, or are we going to safeguard our ability to function without the majority abdicating its rights and duties? Two dozen self-appointed guardians of our consciences tried to prevent two hundred others from doing what we came to do. They appealed to us to leave. We stayed. They would not listen to arguments and persisted. Let us, the majority, now assert our rights and remove the trouble-makers."

Five minutes or so of some unpleasantness (as is involved in any violence) would have ended in the exhilarating feeling of having done what is right, and might, perhaps, have contributed to the reversal of a dangerous trend. At stake is not our fidelity to the memory of millions of Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis, but how to improve the quality of life in this society of Jews in their land in the face of excesses, whose roots lie in the cults of violence that have in our life-time brought untold misery to our people and the world.

MICHAEL ELIZUR

Jerusalem, November 17.

U.S., NOT BRITISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The very least we can expect from a TV critic is that he keep his eyes open. Mr. Gillon is so obsessed with "how much better the British make films" ("The British do it best," November 19), that he has obviously failed to notice — or doesn't care to — the credits listed at the end of "The Valiant Years" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Yes, Mr. Gillon, incredible as it may seem, the documentary on the man who for so long was the embodiment of Britain and everything British, was produced by A.B.C. — the American Broadcasting Company.

DOV SHARON.

Netanya, November 21.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

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PAULA SCHILLER

Tel Aviv, November 26.

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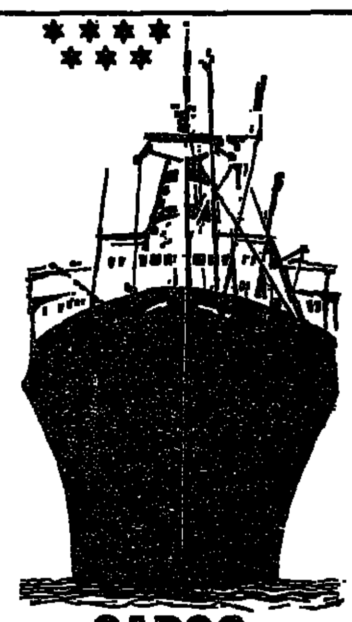

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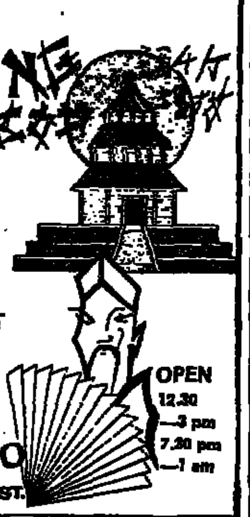

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Davar (Histadrut) writes: "Prior to her departure for the U.S., the Prime Minister despatched Israel's reply to the African Heads of State to the effect that Israel is prepared to return to the talks under Ambassador Jarring's auspices — without prior conditions. Israel's favourable response to the African mission provides Sadat with an opportunity to retract his threats of war. It is also to be hoped that the African bloc's position in the debate on the Middle East in the U.N. General Assembly will now be such as to preclude Sadat's receiving international backing for his extreme positions. This may possibly be Sadat's last opportunity to stop and think, before committing a deed whereby Egypt might lose more than she did in 1967."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), discussing the situation in Jordan in the wake of Wasfi e-Tel's murder, writes: "Division of the Jordanian population into two sections hostile to each other received added emphasis following the murder, with the air of festivity and delight in the refugee camps contrasted by the mourning and anger in the royalist camp. This lays stress on the fact that there is no prospect for dialogue between the Palestinians and Hussein."

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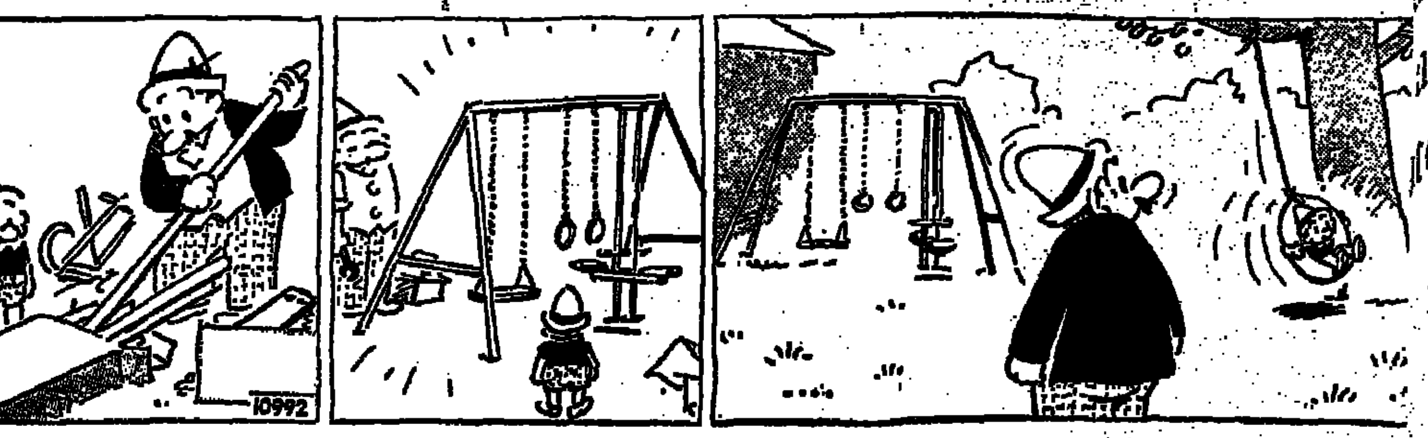

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YEHUDA WEISS, Magistrate District Court Registrar

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JERUSALEM

Probate file 516/71

In the matter of the will of the late Rosa Hana Risha, Identity Card 107700, of Rehov Dor Vedorshav, Jerusalem, deceased in Jerusalem on January 25, 1961.

Petitioner: Wadia Hana Risha, Identity Card 107701 of Jerusalem, represented by Haim Hes, Adv., 23 Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem.

Citation: Let it be known that an application has been submitted to the Court for probate of the will of the above deceased and for the appointment of the petitioner and Mrs. Gulin Hana Risha as administrators of the estate.

I hereby cite all persons claiming any benefit in the estate of the deceased, and who wish to oppose the declaration of succession, to submit their objection to the declaration applied for within 15 days from the date of publication of this Citation. Otherwise this Court will make such order as it may deem fit.

Yehuda Weiss, Judge

Registrar, Jerusalem District Court.

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JERUSALEM

(4.00 — 7.00 — 9.00)

ARNON: Chariots of the Gods; CHEN: The Summer of '42; EDEN: Mx et les ferrailleurs; EDISON: The Woman of Revenge; JERUSALEM: Firemen's Ball; HABIRAH: Half and Half; ORION: Macho Callahan; ORNA: McCabe and Mrs. Miller, 4, 6.45, 9; RON: Katz and Carasso; SEMADAR: Airport, 6.45, 9.15.

TEL AVIV

(4.30 — 7.15 — 9.30)

ALLENBY: Billie Jack; ARMON DAVID: The Bird with the Crystal Plumage; BEN YEHUDA: Tristana; CHEN: Shoot Out; CINERAMA: Companeros; EDEN: Paras, 4, 7, 9; ESTHER: Violent City; GAT: Joe; GORDON: Mourir d'aimer; HOD: Katz and Carasso; MAXIM: Little Big Man; MOGRABI: The Love Machine; OPHIR: The Horsemen; ORON: Blind Terror; PARIS: Zachariah; PEER: Little Murders, 7.15, 9.30; RAMAT AVIV: The Grasshopper, 7.30, 9.30; SHDEROTH: Five Easy Pieces; STUDIO: Half and Half; TCHELET: Oh! What a Lovely War; TEL AVIV: The Marriage of a Young Stockbroker; ZAFON: The Last Run; ZAMIR: Making It, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30;

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: The Baby Maker, 7, 9.15.

RAMAT GAN

(7.15 — 9.30)

ARMON: Les chemins de Katmandou; HADAR: Mourir d'aimer, 4, 7.15, 9.30; OASIS: Quimada; ORDEA: The Bird with the Crystal Plumage; RAMA: The Music Lovers; RAMAT GAN: Mephisto Waltz.

HAIFA

(4.00 — 6.45 — 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Vanishing Point; ARMON: The Horsemen; ATZMON: Katz and Carasso; BEIT ROTHSCHILD: Closely Watched Trains; CHEN: R.P.M.; MAY: Seven Times a Day; MIRON: Rio Lobo; MORIAH: Masel Tov (Le mariage); ORAH: Half and Half; ORION: The Three Golden Snakes; ORLY: Taking Off; PEER: Fragment of Fear; RON: Doctor Zhivago, 5, 8.30; SHAVIT: Soldier Blue, 6.45, 9.

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ISRAEL POLICE

The Salvation Army has requested the aid of the Israel Police in locating Wladislaus (Lars) Gudbrand Berg.

He was born in Munich, Germany on Dec. 31, 1945. The names of his parents are unknown. His original name was Wladislaus Piotrowska. As a youth, he lived in Poland, and at the age of 8 was adopted by the Gudbrand Berg family, of Skarnes, Norway. He disappeared from his home on June 5, 1967.

Description: 26 years of age. Height: 185 cm. Build: Thin, athletic. Hair colour: Dark blond. Eye colour: Blue. Wears glasses.

Anyone knowing of this person is requested to inform the nearest police station.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

256, 340.5 and 221 M.

News: 12.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 midnight.

SECOND PROGRAMME

457, 428 M.

News: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 p.m. and 1.00 a.m.

11.15 Announcements. 11.16 Programme for Schools. 11.36 Songs and Melodies. 12.05 Songs and melodies (cont.). 12.15 Programme for Schools. 12.35 Close Down.

1.58 p.m. Opening. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Cycles of Compositions" — Haydn: Sonata No. 26 in A-major (Rena Kyriakou—Piano); Dvorak: Quartet No. 3 in E-flat major, op. 51 (The Wallach String Quartet). 4.04 "Sounds of a new Era" — Holland Festival 1971 — Willem Frederik Bon: Symphonic Music for the Ballet "The Fall of the House of Usher," after E.A. Poe (1970); Willem Pijper: Six Symphonic Epigrams (1928) The Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Hans Vonk — a programme produced by Arieh Sachs. 4.35 Literature for High School Pupils. 4.55 Book Review. 5.04 Programme Announcements. 5.05 The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra (recorded) — Works by Haydn: Violin Concerto in C-major (Soloist: David Chen; Conductor: Harold Byrns); Symphony No. 48 (Conductor: Mendi Rodan). 5.55 Announcements. 6.07 On People and Numbers. 6.25 "Waves of Sound": Musical Magazine produced by Yehoash Hirshberg and Eddie Halpern. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.00 "This Day" — People and Events in the News. 7.30 "A Bit of Music." 7.50 Bible Reading: Melachim I, chaps. 3 and 4. 8.09 Programme Announcements. 8.10 "From the Knesset." 8.45 Recital — Ralph Kirkpatrick — Harpsichord recorded at a public concert, at the wise Auditorium) Bach: French Overture; Couperin: Suite No. 11; Bach: Italian Concerto; Scarlatti: Four Sonatas. 10.04 Family Magazine. 11.05 "Nocturno" — The Silent Voice of the Guitar — a programme produced by Ada Brodsky and Varda Kleg (repeat). 12.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

Commercial Programme

6.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 7.05 Press Review. 7.16 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 9.49 The Small Ad Corner. 10.05 Housewife's Corner. 12.07 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 2.03 Press Review. 2.10 Where to Go. 2.35 This is Rivka Michae... "Encore" — ed. by S. Rosen 4.05 Records. 4.30 Quiz by Shmuel Rose... New Records (cont.). 5.04 Sing a... 6.07 "Mixed Notes". 6.40 Sport... The Small Ad Corner. 6.58 Close...

9.05 I am a new immigrant. 9.30 ...rew Songs. 10.04 "Look for Me" ...game. 10.54 Light Music. 11.05 "... yours and you are mine." 11.15 ... and Danny's 11.25 "I am your... you are mine." 1.05 Close Down.

TV

5.30 Rhythm game. 5.50 Short w... lengths — News for Children: Bewitched. 8.00 Mabat. 8.30 Kla... art and culture magazine. 9.15 ... — the match of the week. News.

ARABIC: 6.00 Cartoons. 6.0... have a question — a team of ...perts will reply to viewers on va... subjects. 7.00 News and the ... events.

INSTRUCTIONAL: 8.15 Arith... 6. 9.35 English 9. 10.00 Tech... Drawing 9. 10.45 Kindergartens. Arithmetic 5. 12.00 Geometry 9. Science 5. 1.35 Voici des Fr... 4.00 Geometry 9. 4.18 Technolog... 4.38 English 10. 5.00 Voici des Fr...

FOURTH PROGRAMME

(443, 407 and 203 M.)

News in English: 7.00 a.m., 1.3... 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.05 ... 2.00 and 8.05 p.m.

Arabic Programme: 5.58-7.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m., 10.58 a.m.-1.30 p.m., 2 ... p.m., 9.00 p.m.-12.15 a.m.

ENGLISH PROGRAMME

(407, 292, 443, 42 M.)

(737, 1025, 677, 7189 kHz)

7.00 a.m. News and Israel Pres... view. 1.30 p.m. Jerusalem Calli... News and Sound Pictures of I... Israel. 8.30 Newsdesk — News Newsreel.

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7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew: ...ly Newsreel: Hebrew Lesson; Headlines. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladin... Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hu... 9.00 Close Down.

ARMY PROGRAMME

216, 225 and 133 M.

11.00 a.m. Requests. 11.15 From Third Hebrew Hit Parade. 11.30 Critic. 12.00 News. 12.05 Req... (cont.). 12.30 The Practical Joke C... 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News Soloist and Troupe. 1.30 Soldiers... 1.35 Soloist and Troupe. (cont.) Announcements. 2.00 News. 2.05 P... Announcements. 2.10 Close Down.

2.57 p.m. Opening. 3.00 News. Fifth Wheel. 4.00 News. 4.05 Wheel (cont.). 4.50 Law Report by Nathan Donewitz. 5.00 News. Requests. 5.40 Zahal's Diary. 6.00 N... 6.05 Tonight — Studio No. 2. 7.00 N... 7.05 From Him to You with Dori B... Ze'ev. 8.00 News. 8.10 What's New... Gadi Livneh and Avner Rosenblum... News. 9.05 A Musical Team Quiz... News. 10.05 Tonight — with ... Lapid. 11.00 News. 11.05 Tonight (cont.) 12.00 News. 12.05 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA

238 M. (Medium Wave)

5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show... Music. Topical Reports and ... 9.00 News and Topical Reports. ... in Special English. 4.05 Special English Feature. 4.30 The NOW Sound. ... Report to South Asia. 6.00 News in S... cial English. 6.15 Special English ... ture. 11.00 Report to the Middle E... Africa, Europe. 12.00 News in Spe... English. 12.15 Special English Fea... 12.30 Music U.S.A. (Popular). 1.00 N... and Topical Reports. 1.15 Music U.S... (Jazz). 2.00 Close Down.

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Hadassah worker held as informer for autopsy harassment

Jerusalem Post Staff

A worker at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem was arrested yesterday and remanded in custody for nine days after police said he had given information on autopsies to a group of persons suspected of harassing pathologists.

According to Deputy Inspector Avinoam Armoni, Aslan Harosh, who prepares human organs for burial, maintained contact with the group and furnished its members with data on *post mortems* and on pathologists and their families.

Harosh denied the allegation and said he does not know who concocted the story. Inspector Armoni said more arrests are expected.

Meanwhile, pathologists are to meet today with the Ministers of Police and Health, and with Mr. Avraham Werdiger, M.K., to discuss the terror campaign against them. However, no representative of the "Human Dignity Committee" — which has been fighting against autopsies — will be present. Dr Binyamin Griffel, head of the Pathology Society, said in Tel Aviv yesterday.

NOT SAME ROOM

"I refuse to sit in the same room with them," he said. "I do not recognize them other than a group behind the terror campaign against innocent persons."

As for Mr. Werdiger, it was understood that he would be present as a Member of the Knesset, and not as a representative of the "Human Dignity Committee." If he so wished, he could try to influence zealots to desist from their campaign and he could also try to influence the police to enforce the law and apprehend them and bring them to justice. "But we will not accept him as a mediator between a group of innocent persons and a group of lawbreakers," he said.

Dr. Griffel will be one of four persons representing the medical profession. The other three will be Professor Shaul Feldman, chairman of the Scientific Council; Dr. Rami Yishai, chairman of the Israel Medical Association, and Dr. Rafael Reiss, a member of the Central Committee of the T.M.A.

Police Inspector-General Pinhas Koppel said yesterday that the letter sent to Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt by a person claiming to have sent threatening notes to pathologists is now being examined by the police to see if it contained any similarities with those letters.

Mr. Koppel said the letter was being examined both for style and for other characteristics which he declined to describe.

The anonymous letter writer said he had written to the pathologists, enclosing bullets in the envelopes, because his own father had been subjected to an autopsy contrary to his wishes. The Inspector-General said he had learned of the letter from the newspapers and had personally requested it from the Speaker.

Mr. Koppel refused to comment directly on the doctors' strikes being staged to protest the threats. He said, however, that no pressure was required to force the police to work harder on the case. Every possible lead was being pursued, he said.

(Mr. Koppel held the press conference to herald the publication of the "Israel Police Album," a 127-page illustrated presentation of the activities of the Israel police. Edited by Sgan-Nitzav A. Even-Dor, the album will be available in books stores for IL12.)

Hasmonean olive press being operated by the youth section of the Israel Museum, with the approach of Hanukka.

Rabinowitz won't run as T.A. mayor again

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yehoshua Rabinowitz will not run again for Mayor, authoritative Labour Party sources confirmed yesterday. The next municipal elections are due in 1973.

Mr. Rabinowitz is sure to get a safe Knesset seat and it is understood that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir wants Mr. Rabinowitz either for a ministerial post or to become the next chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, with the incumbent, Mr. Yitzhak Kargman, apparently dropping out of the Knesset altogether.

The sources added it is not likely that First Deputy Mayor Ariel Amiad, who had been slated as successor to Mr. Rabinowitz, will be nominated for the post, as he fell out of favour with the Tel Aviv party machine, known as the "Gush Bloc." This follows an interview which Mr. Amiad gave to the "Ha'aretz" weekly magazine in which he criticized Mr. Rabinowitz's handling of the city administration. Spokesmen of the "Gush" had reacted sharply and labelled Mr. Amiad's words as "untactful."

With two years to go to the municipal elections, the Labour Party must now find a suitable successor for mayor. Even if the 1973 municipal elections will not be contested on a personal basis, it is believed that the party will have to make its choice on the basis of a vote-getting personality. Mayor Rabinowitz rose to the post not as a result of such a choice, but due to the fact that he was Mayor Mordechai Namir's First Deputy when the latter handed in his resignation in 1968.

Liberal Party sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that they hope to persuade Mr. Zalman Suzayeff, former president of the Israel Manufacturers Association and a prominent figure in Gahal circles, to become their candidate. If he accepts, Mr. Suzayeff will make a formidable opponent, especially as Tel Aviv is not considered a Labour stronghold. Prime Minister Golda Meir failed in her bid to be elected to the mayoralty here in the mid-'fifties.

STILL NO BOSS IN SIGHT FOR ELECTRIC CORP.

By YAACOV AKDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Four weeks before the general manager of the Electric Corporation, Yaacov Khoushy, is due for the retirement he himself requested a few months ago — he is 68 — the Development Ministry is still looking for a successor. It has been negotiating with retired or retiring army officers and with business executives with a reputation for their efficiency.

The latest of them is the general manager of the Haifa Refineries, Avigdor Bartel, who was also a member of the Electric Corporation's Board of Directors and is conversant with its affairs and problems. Mr. Bartel, by virtue of his technical and administrative know-how and experience, would be an asset to the Electric Corporation, and he would be, after Pinhas and Abraham Rutenberg, the first engineer and the first non-political man to hold the post. But Mr. Bartel is one of the country's outstanding experts on oil refining, and his services are regarded as indispensable to the construction of the refinery project at Ashdod.

In recent weeks, the Electric Corporation's Workers Council has proposed its manpower director, Avraham Bloch, regarded by the employees as a "reliable" figure. But it is reported that the Development Ministry has turned him down, as it is looking for a stronger personality not subject to the pressures from inside the company which have been among the reasons for the failings of the management during the past 15 years.

The Workers Council, a militant force, has threatened in the past that any candidate not to its liking "could not count on cooperation." Obstruction of this kind caused a former army officer, El'ad Pelled, who was made deputy manager in 1968 and was to have been groomed for the post of general manager, to resign in July 1970 and to move to the Ministry of Education as its Director-General.

One of the reasons why qualified men are reluctant to accept the post is that because of politics and administrative centralisation, it has been stripped of any genuine managerial authority. Politics, not qualifications, led to the appointment to the post of Mr. Khoushy whose service with the Corporation has been long and undistinguished. He was chosen mainly because for years he headed the Northern Workers Council, and because of the backing of his late brother the Mayor of Haifa and leader of the country's best-organized Mapai branch.

Another reason for the many refusals the development Ministry has encountered in its search for a successor to Mr. Khoushy, is the fact that the post has been denuded of power. The basic decisions of the Electric Corporation are taken by the Finance Ministry which lays down the consumers' tariff.

For years, successive managers have pointed out the economic absurdity of charging every kind of industry, however inessential, and every farm settlement, however prosperous, electric current at less than cost (a committee is only now re-examining the merits of this policy) — but were overruled. New investments are decided by the Development Ministry. The only field for managerial initiative is labour relations, and here the performance of past managers has been unsatisfactory, though not always through their own fault.

Split in Histadrut on wages policy

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Central Committee of the Histadrut will make a start next week on formulating its stand on wages policy for the coming two years. The debate is likely to centre around the wages differential between professionals and other wage-earners. The professionals' unions will be pressing for the retention of the present differentials, while lower-paid workers will push for a more egalitarian division of the cake.

The lower paid workers will be backed by Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon who maintains that their salaries should be raised while the higher paid professionals should forgo strict adherence to the present differentials. Mr. Ben-Aharon's deputy, Yeruham Meshel, on the other hand, has gone on record as backing the claim of the professionals for extra pay.

He gives two reasons: their special knowledge is needed to keep up the industries where less skilled manpower can be employed; and also, if the Histadrut antagonizes the professionals, they may leave the organization, which is unique in the world, by encompassing all salaried persons as well as kibbutz and moshav members.

Histadrut circles believe that Mr. Ben-Aharon may bring the issue to a crisis. If he loses, he may leave his post.

(The next elections for Histadrut Secretary-General are to be held in July 1973, and Mr. Ben-Aharon has said that he will not stand again.)

Meanwhile, the professionals in the Histadrut seem to be encouraged by Mr. Meshel's remarks and have agreed to postpone their threatened general strike — except for Mr. Gustav Badian, the Secretary of the Engineers' Union, who this week declared he could not see any way to a breakthrough without a strike.

There will be a general meeting of secretaries of professionals' organizations later this month to formulate the professionals' demands. According to Mr. Zvi Weintraub, the outgoing Secretary of the Academicians Department of the Histadrut, the consensus is to ask for the raise of the ceiling of cost-of-living allowances from IL700 to IL1,200, and insist on easing the tax burden.

While the Histadrut is about to determine its wage policy for the next two years, one of its constituent unions — the Social Workers — has not yet signed a contract for the past two years. The social workers are still receiving their pre-1970 salaries, and hope to get back-payments when their agreement is eventually worked out. The Psychologists' Union signed their 70-71 agreement only last week.

Some collective agreements are due to be renewed on January 1, others on April 1.

'Realistic estimate' of revenue for budget

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The 1972/73 State Budget must be based on a realistic estimate of revenue, as well as on economies and essential cuts in expenditure, if the national economy is not to collapse, the Knesset Finance Committee resolved yesterday. It was summing up a three-session Committee review of the state of the economy, with the participation of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

The Commitee also resolved to ask Housing Minister Zeev Sharef to come along and explain the role of the newly-established Jewish Agency-affiliated housing company Amigur, which will reportedly operate in the same sphere as the Amidar housing corporation.

Body found in well

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — The body of a 70-year-old local man, Mohammed el-Nader, was pulled out of a well near here yesterday by the local fire brigade. El-Nader had been missing since Tuesday.

Seamen fined for stealing oranges

HAIFA. — Two German seamen were fined IL100 each by a Haifa magistrate yesterday for stealing two crates of oranges worth IL25 from the Haifa docks earlier in the day.

The two men are Emil Hoffman, 23, and Reiner Kronart, 28, from the S.S. Lindaus anchoring in Haifa. The two admitted to the theft.

Soccer interest on Tel Aviv this week

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Football this weekend will focus on Tel Aviv, where the four local teams which all won their first matches of the season last Saturday clash in two derbies.

Another full house can be expected at the Bloomfield stadium, where Bnei Yehuda plays Tel Aviv Maccabi and Shimshon faces Tel Aviv Hapoel. Bnei Yehuda shows slightly ahead of the others by virtue of a 2:0 away win over Tel Aviv Betar last week, but few pundits would rate that win superior to Tel Aviv Maccabi's 1:0 triumph over champions Netanya Maccabi.

With Giora Spiegel and veteran Moshe Assis leading the attack Maccabi appears to have the edge in attacking power. Bnei Yehuda, though, is a determined side, and though not fancied to win, they might get a point.

Shimshon pulled off a fine 1:0 away win over Petah Tikva Hapoel but faces stiffer opposition against Tel Aviv Hapoel this week. Tel Aviv Hapoel now plays some of the best football in the country, led by internationals Yehoshua Feigenbaum and the promising 19-year-old Aharon Kalderon. This looks another close thing, with Hapoel holding the edge.

Champions Netanya Maccabi plays its first home game against cup-holders Hakoah of Ramat Gan. It was no disgrace losing away to Tel Aviv Maccabi last week, and if Spiegler, Shraga Bar and Yehoshua Gal find their touch, Netanya should gain its first two points.

In the capital, there is good news for Jerusalem Hapoel with the return of goalgetter Eli Ben-Rimoj. It faces Petah Tikva Hapoel, nowadays not the side it used to be a few years ago. Neither of these teams has scored a goal yet this season, so the result may depend on which of the sides can get its attack functioning. Jerusalem Hapoel should not lose.

Bersheba Hapoel, home winners over Haifa Hapoel, travels to Hadera. The home side will be out to prove that it deserves its place in the First Division but may be held by the newcomers.

Haifa Maccabi, playing its second successive home match, may get full points this week out of Tel Aviv Betar, but Haifa Hapoel playing in Kfar Saba, is expected to find tough opposition from the Sharon team, led by Yitzhak Shum.

In League A, Ramat Gan Hapoel may continue to stride ahead in its home clash with Nahliel Hapoel; in the southern section the all-conquering Marmorek Hapoel is at home to Beit Shemesh Hapoel and is confidently expected to win again. Second-placed Ramat Amidar Maccabi has a harder task at home against Holon Hapoel.

FIXTURES

Kfar Saba Hapoel v. Haifa Hapoel; Hadera Hapoel v. Beersheba Hapoel; Shimshon v. Tel Aviv Hapoel; Jerusalem Hapoel v. Petah Tikva Hapoel; Jaffa Maccabi v. Jerusalem Betar; Netanya Maccabi v. Hakoah; Bnei Yehuda v. Tel Aviv Maccabi; Haifa Maccabi v. Tel Aviv Betar.

LEAGUE A NORTH

Ramat Gan Hapoel v. Nahliel Hapoel; Migdal Haemek Hapoel v. Kiryat Haim Hapoel; Nazareth Hapoel v. Netanya Betar; Herzliya Hapoel v. Acre Hapoel; Nahariya Hapoel v. Herzliya Maccabi; Petah Tikva Maccabi v. Mahane Yehuda Hapoel; Netanya Hapoel v. Tiberias Hapoel; Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel v. Kiryat Shmona Hapoel.

LEAGUE A SOUTH

Ramle Betar v. Sha'arayim Maccabi; Rishon Lezion Hapoel v. Ashdod Hapoel; Ramat Amidar Maccabi v. Holon Hapoel; Yahud Hapoel v. Bat Yam Maccabi; Ashkelon Hapoel v. Bat Yam Hapoel; Marmorek Hapoel v. Beit Shemesh Hapoel; Be'er Ya'acov Hapoel v. Kiryat Ono Hapoel; Eilat Hapoel v. Lod Hapoel.

Swift justice for Tiberias traffic offenders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Twenty male and female drivers, caught in town by a radar speed trap, paid for their transgression within an hour or less. Chief Magistrate Yaacov Bar-Ze'ev yesterday fined them at the rate of IL10 for every kilometre of speed beyond the authorized limit of 50 k.p.h. One paid as much as IL350, and the lowest fine was IL 100.

Most of the drivers were from out of town and most of them admitted that they had been taught a lesson and would henceforth be more careful.

Two similar "radar days" were held here a month ago, with similar results in excess speeding and fines — with the significant difference that yesterday the number of offenders had doubled. *(Itim)*

Airport hall to grow again

LOD AIRPORT. — The passenger hall in Lod Airport is to be extended — for the third time in recent years.

It had originally been planned to build another passenger hall, but this project has been adjudged too costly and is shelved for the time being.

The enlargement now planned will involve breaking through the west wall of the passenger hall and absorbing the baggage section which adjoins it. As a result the passenger hall will be some 250 sq.m. larger. The work will cost IL1m. *(Itim)*

Instructional TV back to normal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Instructional television telecasts will go back to normal today following a strike of personnel yesterday. The staffers say that they are giving the management another two weeks to meet their demands. If these are not met by then, they will consider further protest measures.

The major demand is for parity with regular television personnel — promised the instructional television employees when they came under the auspices of the Ministry of Eduction in May, 1969.

Most Israelis against entry of ex-criminals

Sixty-seven per cent of Israelis would like to see the Interior Ministry ban the entry of Jews with criminal records, a recent survey by Gallup Poll (Israel) has shown.

The results, based on a sample of 1,250 persons, were released by the Ministry yesterday. The announcement added that 47 per cent supported the Interior Minister's decision to refuse Israel citizenship to Meyer Lansky.

The poll also indicated that 73 per cent of Israelis think the Minister should order the "Black Hebrews" of Dimona to leave the country when their visas expire, and 71 per cent think he should keep out "Black Hebrews" in the future.

Jaffa Gate drivers protest removal

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

East Jerusalem drivers who have been occupying the taxi rank outside Jaffa Gate for the past four years were ordered by police yesterday morning to shift their rank from the gate entrance. The drivers charged that the move will destroy their livelihood.

A three-man delegation of drivers visited *The Jerusalem Post* last night to protest the move. They asserted that although the new rank is only 50 metres downslope from the previous one it is effectively out of view for people coming out of the gate.

One driver, Sami Deeb, said he had had one fare all day for IL3. The other two drivers, Mohammed Rabieh and Jamil Harib, said they had had no fares at all. On an ordinary day at this time of year they earn IL40-IL50. (During the tourist season, they said, it can reach IL100.)

Mr. Moshe Batsrai, of the Ministry of Transport, said last night that the action was ordered because the taxis blocked the entrance to Jaffa Gate to vehicles coming up from the south, forcing them to weave dangerously. The move was decided on by the Transportation Committee, composed of members from his Ministry, the Municipality and the police. Asked why the move was being taken after all these years, he said: "Better late than never."

The driver delegation said that 22 taxis, all driven by East Jerusalemites, were posted at the Jaffa Gate rank by virtue of permits issued by the Ministry of Transport. They described the rank as the best in East Jerusalem, being located at a strategic point for tourists visiting the Old City. (The drivers had all been posted at a rank inside Jaffa Gate before the Six Day War.)

Since each taxi has at least two drivers working in rotation and often two or more owners, close to 100 families were dependent on income from the rank, they said. The drivers charged that other taxis, including some from the West Bank, had already begun cruising in the area, driving through Jaffa Gate and picking up passengers who hailed them.

Mr. Batsrai suggested that the drivers at the rank put up an attractive sign to call attention to their presence. The drivers contended that a sign would do them no good if no one could see it.

Pupils strike at Acre school

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Most of the 450 pupils of the Bialik primary school here stayed at home yesterday on the orders of their parents who are protesting the run-down condition of the building. The few pupils who did come to classes were sent home. The parents' committee decided to continue the strike until the school is transferred to another building.

The Deputy Mayor and Education Department Director, Clement Fitousi, admitted that the present building was unsatisfactory, but they said a IL750,000 budget for a new one could not be counted on before 1973 or 1974. The Education Ministry had carried out repairs and the parents would have to wait until then, they added.

Boycott of elections in Samaria urged

NABLUS. — Slogans calling on local people to boycott the proposed West Bank elections were daubed on walls in Nablus during Tuesday night.

Itim's Samaria correspondent learns that local leaders are not prepared at present to back elections for local authorities in the West Bank. Informed sources say that if elections were held now they would only attract a 20 or 30 per cent turnout. *(Itim)*

200 BEERSHEBA highschool pupils are doing volunteer work with new immigrants and deprived youngsters.

110 untaxed autos reported uncovered

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Customs investigators have uncovered 110 cars being driven unlawfully by Israelis, the Customs Department reported yesterday. The vehicles, purchased by new immigrants and disabled persons, had not been taxed.

The taxes on the 110 automobiles would have reached more than IL1.5m., the department spokesman said.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Turnover still low

TEL AVIV. — The turnover on the stock market continued to rise yesterday, but, at IL361,700, it was still low. Of this, IL44,300 was in the variables. The turnover in bonds was IL1,780,000, with dollar-linked being firm, and index-linked rising slightly.

The general index of share prices fell by 0.16 per cent to stand at 148.24.

The investment dollar remained at IL4.23, and, at this price, some $47,700 changed hands.

In Lilienblum Street, the dollar ranged from IL4.44 to IL4.49, and the DM from IL1.32 to IL1.38.

ICF fell by 1.5 points: IDB Ordinary, Ellern Investment Bearer, Hadera Paper, and Jordan Exploration, all by two, and Pri-Or fell by 2.5. Development and Mortgage Bearer gained five to stand at 193.5.

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LINKED TO THE DOLLAR		
5% Dead Sea Junior	197.1	197.1
6% Electric Corp. Tranche A	122.5	122.8
6% Electric Corp. Tranche B	124.1	123.4
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Milve Kilin 1965	162.5	163.2
Bitahon 1968	130.7	130.7
Bitahon 1969	122.3	121.5
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	55.5	55.5
Union Bank of Israel — O.	124	124
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O.S.	190	190
I.D.B. Co. — O.	137	135
Gen. Mortgage Bank — O.	145.5	145.5
Pal.-British Bank — O.	146	146.5
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	283	283
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	137	137
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	101.5	101.5
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	236.8	236.5
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg.—"D" O.	101	102
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	214	214
Industrial Dev. Bk.—8% P.O.	83.5	83.5
Develop. & Mortg. Bank — O.T.	183.5	183.5
Housing Mortg. Bank — O.	140	140
G.U.S.-Rassco — O.	84.5	84.5
Israel Cent. Tr. & Inv.	127	126
Hasneh Insurance Co. — O.	117.5	117.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL1	99	97.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL10	56	56.5
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	140	140
Tefahot Is. Mortg. Bank — O.	139	139
Sahar — "C" O.	94.5	93.5
Azorim — O.	82	82
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	145.5	146
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O.R.	116.5	116.5
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	115.5	115.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant.—O.	56	54.5
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	127	128
Mehadrin	142	143
Pri Or Ltd.	132.5	130
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	92	92
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	56	65
Rassco — O.	37	36.5
Isras	74	74
Neot Aviv — O.	39	38
Alliance — B.T.	630	625
"Elco" Isr.El.-Mech. In.—O.T.	88	88
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	178.5	177.5
"Ata" — "C" O.	108.5	108
Motor House — O.	50	50
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	177	177
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	90.5	87.5
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	112.5	111.5
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	120.5	120.5
Lightcrage Supply Co. — O.	74	71.5
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	52	52
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	58	58.5
Moller Textile — O.	125	125
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	143	143
Teva — O.T.	744	744
Phonecia — 8% P.O.T.	65	65
Paper Mills — O.	175.5	173.5
Assis "B" — O.	158	157
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	74.5	74.5
"Taal" Man. of Plywood — O.	111.5	112.5
Delek "C" — O.	114.5	115
Elgar — O.	57	57
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	125	123
Bank Hapoalim Inv. Co. — O.	138	138
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	43.5	45.5
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	67.5	67
Ampa Investment — O.	77.5	77.5
Discount Bank Inv. Cor. — O.T.	154.5	154.5
Japhet Bank Invest. Co. — O.	130	130
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	176.5	176.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O.	60	62
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	111.5	112
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co.—O.	39.5	39.5
"Piryon" Inv. Trust—"B" Sh.	50	50
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	100	101
Naphtha — O.T.	62	62.5
Lapidoth — O.	103.5	101

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N.Y. STOCKS SURGE AHEAD

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Brokers note a marked change in the attitude of investors. They say many appear convinced the market has bottomed out and that some stocks are now at bargain prices. They say the general public has joined in the buying to some extent, along with brokers and institutions.

Brokers add that the market may have received some strength from news of progress at the Group of Ten talks in Rome, and plans for a later meeting on international monetary affairs.

The number of shares traded amounted to 21,030,000, as advancing issues led declining ones by 1237 to 297. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 14.68 points and closed at 846.02.

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Alcoa	40⅝	Ekodak	89⅝	Loews	44⅝	Reynolds T.	56⅝
Amer. Can.	32⅛	Fair Cam.	36⅛	Marcor	29¼	Sears Roe.	96¾
Amer. Mot.	6⅞	Fair Hill	8¾	Maremont	28⅞	Solit. Dev.	10¼
Ampex	12	Fd. Nt Mtg	77	Martin Mar.	18	Sperry Rnd	27⅝
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Amer. T. &T	48⅞	Ford Mot.	68¾	McCul. Oil	27½	Syntex	81¼
Anaconda	12¾	Gen. Bat.	19¾	McDon-D.	31	Teledyne	30
Atlantic Rich.	61¼	Gen. Elec.	61¼	Miles Lab.	41⅝	Telex Corp.	10⅝
Asamera	15⅝	G. Fs. Corp.	34⅝	Minn.MM	104¾	Texas Gulf	13½
Avco	14¾	Gen. Instr.	17⅛	Monsan.	46¼	Texas Instru.	114¾
Bausch & L.	147½	Gen. Mot.	80⅛	Motorola	76⅝	Time Inc.	50
Beth. Stl.	26¼	Gillette	37	Murphy Ind.	7¼	Transamerica	18⅞
Boeing Co.	18¼	Glen Alden	9⅝	Natomas	56⅝	Transwair	40½
Borroughs	136¼	W. R. Grace	37⅝	Occ. Pet. C.	11¼	U.N. Carbide	40⅞
Brunswick	35	G. W. Fin.	28¼	Olin Corp.	35⅝	US Smelting	21⅝
Celanese	72	Homest. Min.	32½	Otis Elev.	37⅛	Unit. Alcrft	28
Chrysler	38	IBM	309¾	Pac. Petr.	27¾	US Steel	37½
Coca-Cola	110	Int. Paper	38⅛	Panam WA	13⅝	Westg. Elec	36½
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Cont. Data	38	Itek Corp.	34⅞	Pennziol Un.	20	Woolworth	49⅝
Ct. Wright	11¾	Kenn. Copper	21⅝	Phil. Petro.	29¾	Xerox Co.	113½
Daylin	18⅝	Lilly & Co.	55½	Polaroid	90¼	Zapata	28½
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BOOKS SAID COOKED

Police asked to make probe into affairs of Autocars

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Attorney-General Meir Shamgar has asked the police to open a probe into the financial affairs of Autocars. They are reportedly to examine allegations about a series of malpractices, including fraudulent accounting, concealment of funds to avoid income tax, and provision of benefits to civil servants. The Knesset Economic Committee asked the Attorney-General to act, after the allegations were aired in one of its sessions yesterday.

Mr. Ephraim Levandovsky, who worked for nearly four months as internal controller of the vehicle manufacturing firm, told the Committee at its second session of the day (and its fifth within a fortnight on Autocars) that he found the books had been cooked.

He alleged that the way the figures had been kept, in regard to a number of book-keeping items, seemed designed to leave the impression that Autocars' loss was IL650,000 smaller than it had been in reality.

Mr. Levandovsky said in reply to questioning that he had personally seen a list, with various names of civil servants who were apparently sold cars at a specially reduced price. He did not remember any of the names. A list of that nature had been in the hands of the auditors making up the balance sheet, he said. If he were asked in a police or judicial enquiry, he said, he believed he could explain where the relevant documents were, in whose keeping, and how to reach them.

Mr. Levandovsky — who said most of his suggestions to improve the management of Autocars had been turned down — did not come to the Committee to testify earlier, since his contract with Autocars bound him to professional secrecy, even after leaving its employment. This secrecy, at the time, was the reason he had not revealed the alleged malpractices he had spotted. However, after the committee asked him to testify, he had received permission from the temporary liquidator and the three receivers of Autocars (as "heirs" to the contract with him) to go along and testify.

Committee chairman Avraham Shechterman told *The Post* he was sending the minutes of the entire session to the Attorney-General, along with certain documents which Mr. Levandovsky presented. "I have the impression that the management of Autocars left a great deal to be desired, while the revelations we heard today may transcend the purview of the civil courts," he said.

The shock on workers' faces is still apparent in this picture, taken in the cashier's office of the Rishon Lezion bank, just after the robbers escaped. (I.P.P.A.)

Bank robbers get IL250,000 in Rishon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Police here are holding three men for questioning in connection with yesterday morning's dramatic robbery at Bank Leumi's main Rishon Lezion branch in which IL250,000 were stolen.

At about 8 o'clock a Brinks Company armoured truck drove up to the bank, on Rehov Rothschild, unloaded about IL250,000 earmarked for an army payroll, and drove off to its next stop.

About a quarter of an hour later the four robbers, masked and armed with Uzi sub-machineguns, walked into the bank through the employees' entrance, ordered the stunned workers to remain at their desks and announced, "Don't move, this is an armed robbery!" To prove their point, they fired a few shots into the ceiling.

Two of the robbers then rushed into the cashier's cage — which was still open — and ordered Haim Alion to lie down on the floor. The pair then grabbed the money sacks and all four hurried out.

Outside the bank, meanwhile, several customers were waiting for opening time — 8.30. One of them, a woman, heard the shots and rushed to a nearby cafe — the Laoyush Coffee House — where she cried, "The bank is being robbed."

In the cafe at that time were two armed guards attached to the Vaad Hahaklai, whose job it is to patrol local citrus groves to protect them from vandals. The guards rushed to the bank, arriving just as the robbers were loading the money bags onto their getaway jeep. One of the guards charged the robbers, firing at them with his pistol. There were conflicting reports last night on whether he succeeded in wounding one of the robbers.

One of them fired back at the guard, Zvi Korfirst, wounding him in the head. Assf Harofe Hospital reported last night he was out of danger.

The four robbers then escaped with police in hot pursuit. They sped into a citrus grove and a gun duel broke out in the grove. In the midst of the battle the robbers changed to a Studebaker tender, in which they were last seen heading west.

Roadblocks were immediately set up throughout the area, and officers began wide-ranging searches in the Rishon Lezion and Palmahim coastal areas.

Housing prices up 50 per cent

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Housing prices have gone up almost 50 per cent on the average between 1969 and 1971, although costs only went up some 25 per cent. In many cases, the increase in the price of the flat was more than the increase in the price of the land on which it was built. The builders have been reaping higher profits, as the price of the flat rose too.

Housing Minister Zeev Sharef called these increases in the price of housing "unjustified" in the Knesset yesterday, when he gave these details in reply to a motion from Rabbi Avraham Werdiger (Poale Aguda) which was moved to the Economic Committee.

Mr. Sharef comforted the House with the promise that housing prices would come down, thanks to plans for building flats for young couples (already announced) which would be facilitated by a special arrangement between the Treasury and the contractors.

However, as long as the demand did not keep up with the supply, flats would be snapped up long before they were constructed. There were not more than a couple of hundred unsold flats anywhere in Israel today which were not already earmarked for some project, and half of these were luxury flats of four rooms and up, Mr. Sharef said.

He claimed that the Ministry had not wished to impose full price control on flats, and so could only act on specific complaints.

Rabbi Werdiger had stressed the contradiction between Housing Ministry claims to having no ready flats available for free sale, and statements by Shikun Ovdim and Shikun u-Pituah about "thousands of unsold flats." He accused speculators and unprincipled contractors of raking in huge profits because of the demand. In 1970, for instance, when the building index rose 11 per cent, flat prices went up over 30 per cent.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Variable amounts of high and medium clouds. Temperatures still above normal.

Weather synopsis: Ridge extending from Iraq to East Mediterranean causing a weak north-easterly air flow over our region.

	Yesterday's humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	43	14—20	13—21
Golan	40	9—20	9—20
Nahariya	40	12—28	13—28
Safad	31	12—20	10—20
Tiberias	43	14—25	14—27
Nazareth	38	14—25	15—26
Afula	64	10—27	10—28
Shomron	39	18—22	18—23
Tel Aviv	41	13—25	13—25
Lod Airport	29	12—28	13—28
Jericho	50	12—27	14—28
Gaza	68	14—27	15—27
Beersheba	26	10—25	10—28
Eilat	22	15—27	15—28
Tiran Straits	30	19—29	20—29

ARRIVALS

Dr. and Mrs. Israel Goldstein from Bombay on the last leg of a round-the world tour (by TWA).

Dr. Alexander Rafaeli, chairman of the Plastics Section of the Manufacturers Association, from Chicago, where he attended a national congress of American plastics manufacturers.

Seven arrests as J'lem police battle rioters

Jerusalem police were still in action late last night against religious demonstrators who set up a road-block across Rehov Mea Shearim. Workmen brought in to clear the obstruction were met with a hail of stones. Police in riot kit and a police water cannon made wave after wave of attacks on the rioters, arresting seven of them.

Earlier in the evening a peaceful demonstration was held outside the Shaare Zedek hospital in the Capital. The demonstrators believed that the body of a suicide was to be removed from the hospital for an autopsy, but when police assured them that this was not so they dispersed quietly. *(Itim)*

Workers protest outside Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

In one of the largest demonstrations ever to take place outside the Knesset, nearly 1,000 employees of Autocars gathered on Knesset Hill yesterday, to protest that the Government had not yet presented a clear policy for the future of the vehicle manufacturing firm. The demonstration was under the aegis of the Haifa Labour Council.

The demonstrators charged the Transport Ministry with bias, by quoting "so-called economists" who claimed that light car manufacturing was not worth while in Israel, although the Ministry itself backed the Ford Escort plant in Nazareth. They also charged that competing firms were exploiting the financial crisis in Autocars to advance their own prospects — and undermining the future prospects of Autocars in the process. They said they rejected the collective dismissals issued by the Court.

The demonstrators urged that Autocars be sold to a public corporation and not a private enterprise.

Labour Committee chairman Shoshana Arbeli agreed that a small delegation come into the building to lay their case before her, but Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt gave orders to refuse them entry. His grounds were that delegations are not allowed into the Knesset while the session is on. (This rule is regularly ignored.)

Accordingly, Mrs. Arbeli went out to the building of the Knesset Guard to receive the delegation, along with her Labour colleagues from Haifa, Messrs. Moshe Wertman and Moshe Shahal, and Mapam M.K. Dov Zakin. She had refreshments brought out there, and served.

Mrs. Arbeli told the Autocars delegation that her Committee would do its best to see their rights as employees were protected, and to arrange that the transition period, till a purchaser was found, would be as short as possible.

The delegation told her that the money due them for severance pay, had been deposited in an IL1.4m. fund in the firm's name, and the firm had used it for working capital. The workers said the official receivers had told them that they would apply to the Court in a day or two to have this fund transferred in its entirety to Mivtahim or some other severance pay scheme.

(The Court would have to stretch the law somewhat to do so, since the Autocars creditors have first claim on this IL1.4m., and not the workers, once bankruptcy is declared.)

In the Knesset's Economic Committee, which was also discussing Autocars, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday promised that at the beginnig of January, the Government would present the Economic and Finance Committees with a detailed programme for the firm's future — either as it is at present constituted, or in a different form.

He said he hoped that perhaps it might be possible in the future to produce a car which would suit the needs of the Israeli market, and also make a profit.

Mr. Sapir strongly defended the original Government decision to conclude an agreement with Leyland, and suggested that the political and economic considerations which existed 10 years ago were there in 1969 too.

The Government assumed that Leyland held 48 per cent of the Autocars shares, as against Mr. Shubinsky's 20 per cent, the Finance Minister said. But as it turned out, Leyland held no more than 20 per cent for all practical purpose, because its remaining 28 per cent were in the bank.

Economic Committee chairman Avraham Shechterman said it was astonishing that the Government was unaware of certain basic facts in the legal situation of Leyland, which helped cause the crisis. It was also astonishing that the Companies Registrar had not discovered the internal arrangement between Mr. Shubinsky and Leyland, to transfer shares, in a transaction which was not legally binding.

NETIVEI NEFT PROBE REACHES ABU RODEIS

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ABU RODEIS. — The Witkon Commission of Inquiry arrived here yesterday morning to examine the Netivei Neft oilfields from close to hand, and possibly to meet and interview workers employed at the field.

The Commission, Justice Alfred Witkon, Aluf (Res.) Meir Zorea and Mr. Avraham Kalir, were met at the airport by the oil company's general manager, Mr. Mordechai Friedman, whose activities as head of the company have been the subject of the commission's inquiries over the past two weeks. The Commission, accompanied by Dr. David Neev, the Development Ministry geologist whose original complaint led to the inquiry, set out on a 100-km. tour of the fields, supplied with Mr. Friedman's running commentary.

Netivei Neft became operational three days after the Six Day War — on June 14, 1967. The fields, before the war, had been run jointly by the Egyptians and a foreign investor, and, according to Mr. Friedman, most of the original equipment was preserved.

Mr. Friedman made repeated comparisons between what the Egyptians were producing then, and what Israel is producing now. By changing basic pumping systems production had increased fourfold to nearly six million tons per year, he said, and the company's estimated turnover this year is expected to be in the region of IL250m.

He explained that Netivei Neft was a non-profit company, with all earnings being handed over to the Ministry of Finance, minus running expenses. He said that the fields had an estimated 120m. tons of oil, but that production was directly dependent on the ability to transport the oil from here to Eilat, and then north via the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline. There are no facilities for long-term storage, with four storage tanks having been destroyed — together with 130,000 tons of oil — when a burning plane crashed into them on June 7, 1967.

The commission, which arrived in two light aircraft, and included Mr. Friedman's attorneys, and Dr. Neev's appointed counsel, Mr. Ram Caspi, will continue their inspection tour today, when the company's stores and books are expected to be examined. (In his complaint Dr. Neev had alleged malpractices in the management.)

The Commission visited an oil rig some 10 kilometres out at sea, shuttled in four relays by Netivei Neft's helicopter, and the company's port, which is at present loading 3,500 tons of oil per hour, on 50,000-ton tankers. Mr. Friedman said that soon it was expected that the port will be able to handle 100,000-ton super-tankers, which will allow for increased production.

During conversations with several of the company's workers, employed at all levels, I learnt that Mr. Friedman was a man "both feared and respected" by those who work under him. They all complained that the public outcry was having a negative effect on morale at the field, and all claimed that charges of orgies and drinking parties were "sheer fiction."

There are 50 families living at the fields, with some 100 children attending kindergartens and primary schools provided by the firm. There is a film show every night, a modern library, dancing classes and literature and music study groups. Employees work 10 days, 12 hours a day, and then have five days leave. Salaries are, on the average, higher than those paid for similar jobs in the north. There are about 470 employees at the fields, and another 50 in Tel Aviv.

Throughout his explanations Mr. Friedman stressed that this was an oil company which was being inspected, and "not a textile firm." The stores were kept according to standards used by all oil firms, he said, where only goods over a certain value are registered. Netivei Neft both produces and markets its oil, but the actual shipping of the oil was not the company's responsibility, he said.

Yesterday's trip was informal. Dr. Neev spent most of the three-hour bus ride explaining geological data to Mr. Friedman's counsel, Mr. Naftali Lipschutz, while the Netivei Neft geologist, Eitan Eisenberg, explained drilling operations to Aluf Zorea. There were smiles all round when Commission members struggled into the orange life jackets, and Justice Witkon said that "for a man who has never studied chemistry, this is all very complicated." He explained that he is a "humanities man."

Gov't ready to repair Sta. Katerina

The Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, in a meeting with Greek-Orthodox Patriarch Benedictus in Jerusalem yesterday, expressed his regrets about the fire which broke out in the Santa Katerina Monastery in Sinai.

He said that the Government is prepared to assist in repairs.

Notables ask halt to probe of Gaza Mayor

ASHKELON. — A delegation of 40 Gaza Strip notables yesterday called on Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Pundak, Military Governor of the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, and asked him to halt the investigation of Gaza Mayor Rashed Shawwa.

(On November 21, Mayor Shawwa informed security forces that leading terrorist, Ziad el-Husseini had committed suicide in his house.)

At yesterday's meeting, which lasted two hours, the leaders pointed out that Mr. Shawwa enjoyed wide support among Gaza Strip residents, and his removal would mean that no one could be found to replace him — for a long time.

T/A Pundak listened to them courteously, and told them he considered the meeting the most important one he has held with local people since his appointment in March. However, he emphasized that the investigation was being handled at higher levels, and that he would convey their request to his superiors. *(Itim)*

BARCLAYS-DISCOUNT MERGER HELD UP

Jerusalem Post Economic Staff

The merger of Barclays Bank D.C.O. with the Discount Bank is hanging fire. Intensive negotiations are being held with Barclays in an effort to reach a settlement which will permit the merger to proceed as planned. Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel, the head of the Labour Relations Dpartment of the Labour Ministry, has been holding continuous meetings with the workers and management of Barclays since the beginning of the week.

The final decision on the fate of the merger is expected to depend on the outcome of Mr. Ben-Israel's efforts, which will probably be concluded by the end of this week. Mr. Ben-Israel yesterday would only say he was hopeful that a satisfactory solution will be reached.

The sole problem holding up the merger is the question of the Barclays workers' severance pay and the income tax levied on these sums. Barclays-London agreed after negotiations to pay the workers 150 per cent severance pay, and budgeted IL20m. for this purpose. However, in the case of some of the 700 Barclays employees this will mean that their severance pay will exceed the IL2,250 for each year, which is free of income tax. The income tax authorities have refused to make any exception to this regulation for the Barclays people.

The workers are now seeking some way in which they can receive the full enlarged severance pay, without paying taxes. They have threatened that if the management does not respond favourably to this demand, then they will strike within two weeks.

Barclays-London is reported to have made it known that if the merger does not take place because of this probem, then it will simply close down operations in Israel. If they take this step the staff will probably only receive the normal severance pay due to them under the law, instead of the enlarged payment being offered at present.

One of the prime factors in the recent poor performance of Barclays which led to consider the merger was the size of its payroll which resulted from overstaffing. While the Discount Bank has agreed to provide employment for all the Barclays staff, there can be no doubt that sooner or later some of the staff will become redundant. The eventual fate of these workers is also playing a role in the negotiations.

It is of interest to note that the Barclays staff are organized in the powerful Clerks Union of the Histadrut, while the staff of the Discount Bank are not Histadrut members. Salaries in the Discount Bank are generally considered to be slightly lower than those of its major competitors.

U.S. basketball coach for national team

TEL AVIV. — Doyle Parrack, the noted American basketball trainer, has been appointed coach to the Israel national team for one year and will take up his position next month.

This was announced last night by Mr. Heskell Cohen, of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, which was instrumental in signing up the coach. Mr. Cohen described Mr. Parrack as "a great basketball coach."

For eight years Mr. Parrack was first assistant to Henry Iba, the U.S. Olympic coach. Before that he coached the crack Oklahoma State University team. He is a former All American college player.

In Israel, Mr. Parrack will replace Shimon Shellach and he will also prepare a programme for other basketball coaches.

Mr. Cohen announced that two Israeli basketball coaches and six junior hoopsters would spend some 10 weeks in the U.S. next summer, for intensive training.

Diplomat Hotel wins court fight, retains top grade

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem has won its battle to retain its five-star status, the highest grading of hotels in Israel. At the end of a court battle with the Ministry of Tourism which started in June, an Appeals Committee yesterday handed down a decision which permits the hotel to continue to charge its guests top rates.

Following numerous complaints by guests early this year, the Ministry of Tourism decided in June to reduce the grade of the hotel to four-star category. The complaints stemmed mainly from the fact that the hotel was still under construction and did not provide the amenities of a top-class establishment.

In his decision, the chairman of the Appeals Committee, Judge Yehuda Cohen, states that the Ministry move in ordering the hotel grade lowered was completely justified. "There is no doubt that the condition of the hotel at the time of the decision, and the level of service provided to the guests would not meet the requirements of a hotel of a higher grade than four stars, even if we take into account its special position of a hotel under construction," he states.

However, despite this fact, the Judge stated that as the aim of the Ministry's move was to see the hotel completed and measuring up to its grade he had upheld the appeal of Mr. Haim Schiff, the hotel owner, to suspend the Ministry decision in order to give him a chance to complete the work. In the opinion of the Judge his move has been justified by the progress made in the intervening period, and today there is no justification for lowering the grade of the Diplomat Hotel.

The Judge based his decision on the fact that despite the admitted "discomfort and suffering of the hotel guests earlier in the year," it is his duty to make his decision only on the basis of the condition of the hotel today.

Costs were not awarded, and each side was ordered to pay its own share of the expenses of the court proceedings.

Bid to keep tabs on M.K. attendance

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt wants to keep a register of attendence in the plenum. He met the faction whips on Tuesday and noted that attendance in the Chamber had not improved since the problem was aired during the summer term.

While the faction whips deferred a decision on taking down names — as Mr. Barkatt urged — they raised a series of suggestions as to how to make sure more Members come to the Knesset for sessions.

The most popular proposal — as an alternative to keeping the register which disenchanted most of the whips — was to see that the expenses allowance for M.K.s was only paid to those who actually turned up at the session, instead of just at the building.

New police spokesman

TEL AVIV. — Sgan-Nitzav Mordechai Tavor has been appointed police spokesman and head of the Inspector-General's bureau, it was announced yesterday.

S/N Tavor suceeds Nitzav Ya'acov Nash who has retired. *(Itim)*

THE RABBINICAL High Court has moved into temporary quarters in Beit Strauss at the Western Wall compound. The telephone number is 83523.

HINUCH ATZMAI (Aguda) schools will reopen this morning: the network's teachers agreed yesterday to end the strike which they began on Monday over a pay dispute.

Iraq breaks relations

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the ruler of Ras al Khaimah has appealed to Britain, which under treaty is responsible for defence along the Trucial Coast, to act over the Iranian move.

But Britain has already stated her intention to withdraw her operational forces from the Gulf this month and today will sign a friendship treaty with a newborn union of six Trucial states. Ras al Khaimah has refused to join.

In Cairo, the Arab League Council said an urgent meeting of the 17-nation council is being considered to discuss the Iranian occupation of three islands. "These islands are Arab, historically and ethnically, and all Arab countries should shoulder their responsibilities toward defending them," Assistant Secretary-General Sayed Nofal said.

"Iran should review its position, taking into consideration the progress thus far achieved in its relations with the Arab countries." Nofal said that the British government was "equally responsible with Iran for the occupation and would thus share with it any repercussions."

Syria yesterday demanded that Iran withdraw immediately from the three islands. A government statement broadcast by Damascus Radio said Iran moved in "treacherous collusion" with Britain, "already guilty of withdrawing from its mandate in Palestine and helping create Israel."

"The policy of fait accompli based on power cannot remove the established Arab right of ownership which is based on historical fact," the statement said.

It said the Arab world was united in the rejection of a "new kind of occupation in another part of its homeland."

Immigrants here from USSR

LOD AIRPORT.—A large group of immigrants arrived here from the Soviet Union early yesterday morning on an El Al flight from Vienna. They hail from Vilna, Riga, Chernovitz, Moscow, Kharkov and Tbilisi.

The members of the group include physicians, engineers, teachers, electricians, photographers, printers, pharmacists, and metalworkers. Absorption Ministry workers sent some of the newcomers to immigrant centres in Dimona, Pardes Hanna and Nazareth, and others to flats in Ashkelon, Beersheba, Netanya and Migdal Haemek.

One family refused to accept the housing accommodation offered by the Ministry. *(Itim)*

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